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APRIL 25, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, APRIL 25, 1977

AN ACT

1 To create an Insurance Law Revision Commission; providing for
2 review and revision of the Pennsylvania insurance laws; and
3 making an appropriation.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Legislative finding; revision of the insurance laws.

7 The General Assembly finds that the insurance laws now in
8 force in the Commonwealth are, in many respects, in need of
9 review and consolidation into a well-organized body of law. A
10 comprehensive study of the present laws with a view toward
11 revision is necessary for adequate protection of the public
12 welfare with special attention to the protection of the interest
13 of the insurance consumer. Such study would provide for updating
14 the insurance laws, placing them in a logical order for easier
15 use by all affected, and codifying them as part of the
16 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

17 Section 2. Insurance Law Revision Commission.

1 The Insurance Law Revision Commission is hereby created to
2 study the present insurance laws and make recommendations to the
3 General Assembly for their revision and codification. The
4 commission shall consist of:

5 (1) Three Senators and three Representatives, at least
6 one of whom shall be from each political party in each house,
7 appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives respectively.

9 (2) The Attorney General or his designee.

10 (3) The Insurance Commissioner or his designee.

11 (4) Four public members appointed by the Governor, to
12 include one insurance industry representative.

13 (5) The Chairman of the Joint State Government
14 Commission or his designee.

15 (6) The President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association or
16 his designee.

17 Section 3. Compensation.

18 The members of the commission shall serve without pay except
19 for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in attending to
20 their duties.

21 Section 4. Advisory committee.

22 An advisory committee representing the insurance industry
23 doing business in the State and insurance consumers shall be
24 appointed by the Insurance Commissioner to advise and assist the
25 commission and to provide such expert assistance to the
26 commission staff as may be needed.

27 Section 5. Terms.

28 Commission members appointed under section 2 (1), (2), (3)
29 and (6) shall retain membership while they hold their qualifying
30 status, and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

1 Members appointed under section 2(4) shall serve at the pleasure
2 of the Governor. The Governor shall make his appointments within
3 60 days of any vacancy. The member designated under section 2(5)
4 shall retain his membership until he or she ceases to be the
5 Chairman of the Joint State Government Commission. Vacancies
6 shall be filled as are original appointments.

7 Section 6. Reports.

8 The commission shall report its expenditures, findings,
9 conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly every
10 six months and at the completion of the study. The report will
11 include recommendations for legislative revision and
12 recodification of the insurance laws and for appropriations for
13 the insurance department as necessary to adequately implement
14 the recommended legislative revision.

15 Section 7. Staff.

16 The commission shall be authorized to establish and maintain
17 a staff as necessary to discharge the duties of the commission
18 and may fix their compensation. The staff shall include a full-
19 time director who by virtue of his training and experience
20 possesses technical competence in insurance and legislative
21 reform and other personnel as found necessary by the staff
22 director, with the consent of the commission.

23 Section 8. Appropriation.

24 The sum of \$10,000 per month for each month of fiscal year
25 1977-1978 remaining after the commission is fully constituted,
26 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically
27 appropriated to the commission to carry out the purpose of this
28 act.

29 Section 9. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect immediately.