

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1122** Session of  
1979

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MAY 1, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MAY 1, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An  
2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and  
3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of  
4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and  
5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds  
6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and  
7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and  
8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,  
9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by  
10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and  
11 repealing existing laws," prohibiting the payment of certain  
12 routine hospital admissions tests.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known  
16 as "The Insurance Company Law of 1921," is amended by adding a  
17 section to read:

18 Section 617.1. Hospital Admissions Tests.--Every insurance  
19 policy or medical care cost reimbursement contract issued by an  
20 insurer authorized to transact the business of insurance in this  
21 Commonwealth or by a Hospital Plan Corporation or any  
22 corporation operating pursuant to and under the authority of the  
23 act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known as the

1 "Voluntary Nonprofit Health Service Act of 1972," shall provide  
2 for the payment of or reimbursement of the cost of routine  
3 hospital admissions tests only when such tests are specifically  
4 ordered by the attending physician as being medically necessary.

5       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.