

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 646 Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY O'PAKE, MUSTO, ERICKSON, COSTA, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, GORDNER, LOGAN, LAVALLE, C. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, STOUT, M. WHITE AND WOZNIAK, APRIL 28, 2005

REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, APRIL 28, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for long-term
4 care insurance.

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

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
9 read:

10 Section 454. Long-Term Care Insurance.--It is declared to be
11 the policy of this Commonwealth to promote the development of
12 long-term care insurance as a cost-effective alternative to the
13 use of Federal and State moneys under Title XIX of the Social
14 Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.). In order
15 to effectuate this policy, the department is directed to take
16 all reasonable and appropriate steps, including application to
17 the Federal Government for necessary waivers, to modify the
18 medical assistance program in order to create incentives,

1 including special income or resource levels and exemptions for
2 recipient residents of long-term care facilities, in order to
3 encourage the general population to purchase long-term care
4 insurance. The department shall report annually to the General
5 Assembly regarding its efforts under this section on the first
6 three anniversaries of the effective date of this section.

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