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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, AUGUST 15, 2023

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," in casualty insurance, providing
12 for coverage for doula services.

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 635.9. Coverage for Doula Services.--(a) Except to
19 the extent already covered under another policy, a health
20 insurance policy shall provide coverage for any services offered
21 by a doula certified according to the standards adopted by the
22 Pennsylvania Certification Board on the effective date of this

1 section for covered individuals.

2 (b) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

4 "Health insurance policy." A policy, subscriber contract,
5 certificate or plan issued by an insurer that provides medical
6 or health care coverage. The term does not include any of the
7 following:

8 (1) Accident only.

9 (2) Credit only.

10 (3) Long-term care or disability income.

11 (4) Specified disease.

12 (5) Medicare supplement.

13 (6) TRICARE, including a Civilian Health and Medical Program
14 of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) supplement.

15 (7) Fixed indemnity.

16 (8) Dental only.

17 (9) Vision only.

18 (10) Workers' compensation.

19 (11) Automobile medical payment under 75 Pa.C.S. (relating
20 to vehicles).

21 "Insurer." An entity licensed by the Insurance Department
22 with accident and health authority to issue a policy, subscriber
23 contract, certificate or plan that provides medical or health
24 care coverage that is offered or governed under any of the
25 following:

26 (1) This act, including section 630 and Article XXIV.

27 (2) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known
28 as the "Health Maintenance Organization Act."

29 (3) 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to hospital plan
30 corporations) or 63 (relating to professional health services

1 plan corporations).

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