

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 742 Session of
1993

INTRODUCED BY PERZEL, BARLEY, E. Z. TAYLOR AND MASLAND,
MARCH 22, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MARCH 22, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), entitled
2 "An act relating to unfair insurance practices; prohibiting
3 unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts
4 and practices; and prescribing remedies and penalties,"
5 further prohibiting unfair practices relating to certain
6 adopted minor children with disabilities.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), known
10 as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 5.1. Adopted Children with Special Needs.--(a) It
13 shall be an unfair insurance practice and a violation of this
14 act for the health care insurer of a person or family to exclude
15 from coverage or reduce the amount of coverage of health
16 insurance for any adopted minor child with a disability of that
17 person or family, or of any minor child with a disability
18 subject to pending adoption proceedings initiated by that person
19 or family.

1 (b) As used in this section, "minor child with a disability"
2 shall mean a minor child with a physical, mental or emotional
3 disability.

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