

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SAURMAN, TOMLINSON, TRELLO AND CORNELL,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MARCH 22, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," requiring a bidder to  
21 provide health insurance coverage for its employees.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
25 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a  
26 section to read:

27 Section 2412.1. Employe Health Program.--(a) In every case

1 in which the Department of General Services is authorized by  
2 this act to invite proposals, it shall require the bidder to  
3 submit evidence that the bidder provides at minimum low-cost  
4 comprehensive health insurance policies for its employees.

5 (b) The low-cost comprehensive health insurance policies  
6 shall provide the following:

7 (1) Twenty-one days of inpatient hospital surgical and  
8 medical coverage and outpatient hospital care coverage per  
9 policy year.

10 (2) Coverage for at least four office visits per year for  
11 primary care rendered by a licensed provider.

12 (3) Coverage for one mammogram screening per year for  
13 females fifty years of age or older and coverage for all  
14 medically necessary mammograms.

15 (4) Annual, lifetime or other benefit limits in amounts  
16 established by the Insurance Department but which initially  
17 shall be not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)  
18 as an annual benefit and two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
19 (\$250,000) as a lifetime benefit.

20 (5) A preexisting condition exclusion, which shall not  
21 exclude, limit or reduce coverage or benefits in a group health  
22 insurance agreement or a group health contract beyond six months  
23 from the effective date of coverage.

24 (6) A provision that copayments made by the insured shall  
25 not exceed twenty per centum (20%) of the charges incurred.

26 (7) Such provisions as the Insurance Department may require  
27 for annual stop loss amounts, conversion and replacement of  
28 prior carrier's coverage.

29 (c) As used in this section:

30 "Employee" means an individual who works a minimum of thirty

1 (30) hours a week for a bidder in return for compensation.

2 "Insured" means any individual or group insured under a low-  
3 cost comprehensive health insurance policy.

4 "Low-cost comprehensive health insurance policy" means a  
5 policy or subscription contract which an insurer may choose to  
6 offer to a qualified individual, qualified family or qualified  
7 group.

8 "Outpatient hospital care" means surgery, anesthesia,  
9 preadmission testing, diagnostic X-rays and medical and  
10 laboratory services.

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