

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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WASHINGTON, MARCH 15, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MARCH 15, 1999

## AN ACT

1 Requiring certain coverage in health insurance policies.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Prostate cancer.

5 An insurance provider which provides coverage for health  
6 insurance shall allow at least two days of inpatient care for a  
7 patient who undergoes surgery for removal of his testicles as  
8 treatment or partial treatment for prostate cancer. If a  
9 treating physician determines that hospitalization of longer  
10 than two days is necessary to provide responsible medical care  
11 and if a second physician determines that this opinion is  
12 reasonable, the insurance provider shall allow the prescribed  
13 period of hospitalization.

14 Section 2. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.