

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 561 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY SCHRODER, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE,
CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, J. EVANS, FREEMAN,
GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOOD, GOODMAN, HARHART, HERSHEY,
KILLION, MACKERETH, McILHATTAN, R. MILLER, MUSTIO, PICKETT,
READSHAW, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SCAVELLO, STABACK, STEIL,
R. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE AND
WALKO, FEBRUARY 15, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, FEBRUARY 15, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), entitled "An
2 act establishing a special fund and account for money
3 received by the Commonwealth from the Master Settlement
4 Agreement with tobacco manufacturers; providing for home and
5 community-based care, for tobacco use prevention and
6 cessation efforts, for Commonwealth universal research
7 enhancement, for hospital uncompensated care, for health
8 investment insurance, for medical assistance for workers with
9 disabilities, for regional biotechnology research centers,
10 for the HealthLink Program, for community-based health care
11 assistance programs, for PACE reinstatement and PACENET
12 expansion, for medical education loan assistance and for
13 percentage allocation and appropriation of moneys," further
14 providing for adult basic coverage insurance program.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 1303(d) of the act of June 26, 2001
18 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, is
19 amended to read:

20 Section 1303. Adult basic coverage insurance program.

21 * * *

1 (d) Potential waiting list.--The department shall maintain a
2 waiting list of eligible adults who have applied for adult basic
3 coverage insurance but who are not enrolled due to insufficient
4 appropriations. The department shall conduct an eligibility
5 review on a semiannual basis of individuals on the waiting list
6 to ensure that individuals on the waiting list continue to
7 satisfy the eligibility requirements of the program. An eligible
8 adult on the waiting list may purchase the benefit package at
9 the monthly per member premium cost negotiated by the
10 department.

11 * * *

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