

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2209 Session of
2005

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THOMAS, TIGUE, TRUE, TURZAI, WALKO, WANSACZ, WATSON, WRIGHT
AND YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 14, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, NOVEMBER 14, 2005

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," providing for direct payment for
12 ambulance 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 635.2. Direct Payment for Ambulance Services.--(a)
19 Whenever an ambulance service is properly dispatched by a public

1 safety answering point as defined in the act of July 9, 1990
2 (P.L.340, No.78), known as the "Public Safety Emergency
3 Telephone Act," any payment made by an insurer for a claim
4 covered under a health insurance policy for a service performed
5 by the ambulance service during such call shall be paid directly
6 to the ambulance service, regardless of whether the ambulance
7 service is a participating provider with the insurer.

8 (b) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Ambulance services" means an entity that regularly
10 engages in the business or service of providing emergency
11 medical care and transportation of patients within this
12 Commonwealth. The term includes a mobile advanced life support
13 service that may or may not transport patients.

14 (2) "Insurer" means an entity that is responsible for
15 providing or paying for all or part of the cost of ambulance
16 services covered by an insurance policy, contract or plan. An
17 insurer includes an entity subject to:

18 (i) This act.

19 (ii) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known
20 as the "Health Maintenance Organization Act."

21 (iii) 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to hospital plan
22 corporations) or 63 (relating to professional health services
23 plan corporations).

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