

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1551 Session of  
2007

INTRODUCED BY DePASQUALE, GOODMAN, R. TAYLOR, MACKERETH, NICKOL, BELFANTI, BENNINGTON, BIANCUCCI, BLACKWELL, BRENNAN, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, COSTA, CRUZ, CURRY, DALEY, DALLY, DeLUCA, DERMODY, DeWEESE, DONATUCCI, EACHUS, D. EVANS, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HANNA, HARKINS, HARPER, HERSHEY, HORNAMAN, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KAUFFMAN, W. KELLER, KING, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LEACH, LENTZ, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSHALL, McCALL, McGEEHAN, McILHATTAN, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MENSCH, R. MILLER, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PAYTON, PETRARCA, PETRONE, PRESTON, RAMALEY, RAYMOND, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, RUBLEY, SABATINA, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SEIP, SIPTROTH, M. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STURLA, SURRA, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, WALKO, WANSACZ, WHEATLEY, J. WHITE, WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, HESS, BARRAR, MANTZ, SWANGER AND PHILLIPS, JUNE 18, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, JUNE 18, 2007

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," further providing for issuance of  
12 group accident and sickness insurance.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 621.2(a) of the act of May 17, 1921

1 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921,  
2 is amended by adding a clause to read:

3 Section 621.2. Group Accident and Sickness Insurance.--(a)  
4 Group accident and sickness insurance is hereby declared to be  
5 that form of accident and sickness insurance covering groups of  
6 persons defined in this section with or without one or more  
7 members of their families or one or more of their dependents, or  
8 covering one or more members of the families or one or more  
9 dependents of such groups or persons and issued upon the  
10 following basis:

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12 (2.1) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (2), a  
13 group of two or more employers may join for the purpose of  
14 obtaining group insurance.

15 (ii) The Insurance Department shall establish group  
16 certification requirements and promulgate necessary regulations.

17 (iii) As used in this clause:

18 "Employer." Means an employer that employs at least two but  
19 not more than fifty employes.

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