

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 225 Session of
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M. WHITE AND STACK, MARCH 7, 2007

REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, MARCH 7, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), entitled
2 "An act reforming the law on medical professional liability;
3 providing for patient safety and reporting; establishing the
4 Patient Safety Authority and the Patient Safety Trust Fund;
5 abrogating regulations; providing for medical professional
6 liability informed consent, damages, expert qualifications,
7 limitations of actions and medical records; establishing the
8 Interbranch Commission on Venue; providing for medical
9 professional liability insurance; establishing the Medical
10 Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund; providing for
11 medical professional liability claims; establishing the Joint
12 Underwriting Association; regulating medical professional
13 liability insurance; providing for medical licensure
14 regulation; providing for administration; imposing penalties;
15 and making repeals," further providing for Medical Care
16 Availability and Reduction of Error Fund.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Section 712(d) of the act of March 20, 2002
20 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and
21 Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, is amended by adding a paragraph
22 to read:

23 Section 712. Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error
24 Fund.

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2 (d) Assessments.--

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4 (4) A health care provider may elect to pay the annual
5 assessment in equal installments, not exceeding four, if the
6 health care provider informs the primary carrier of the
7 election to pay in installments. This paragraph shall apply
8 to surcharges for 2008 and thereafter.

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