

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 245 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY PUNT, LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, COSTA, STOUT, KASUNIC,
WOZNIAK, MELLOW, KITCHEN, EARLL, O'PAKE, FERLO, WAUGH,
MCILHINNEY AND BAKER, MARCH 8, 2007

REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, MARCH 8, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), entitled
2 "An act relating to unfair insurance practices; prohibiting
3 unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts
4 and practices; and prescribing remedies and penalties,"
5 further providing for unfair acts.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of July 22, 1974
9 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act,
10 is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

11 Section 5. Unfair Methods of Competition and Unfair or
12 Deceptive Acts or Practices Defined.--(a) "Unfair methods of
13 competition" and "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" in the
14 business of insurance means:

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16 (15) Cancelling or refusing to renew a person's insurance on
17 the basis of inquiries from that person that do not result in a
18 claim.

19 (16) Cancelling or refusing to renew a person's insurance

1 because another claim was filed without giving written notice
2 prior to that claim that another claim filed by the policyholder
3 may cause a cancellation or refusal to renew.

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