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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 548**      Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, ERICKSON, D. WHITE, VANCE, M. WHITE,  
WONDERLING, FOLMER, WAUGH, GORDNER AND C. WILLIAMS,  
MARCH 8, 2007

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REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, MARCH 8, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Long-Term Care Partnership Program; and  
2 imposing powers and duties on the Department of Public  
3 Welfare.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Long-Term  
8 Care Partnership Program.

9 Section 2. Long-Term Care Partnership Program.

10 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established the Long-  
11 Term Care Partnership Program, to be administered by the  
12 Department of Public Welfare in accordance with the requirements  
13 for qualified State long-term care insurance partnerships. The  
14 purpose of this program is to reduce future Medicaid costs for  
15 long-term care by delaying or eliminating dependence on Medicaid  
16 by providing incentives for individuals to insure against the  
17 potentially substantial costs that arise upon the need for long-  
18 term care.

1 (b) Operation.--In order to implement the program, the  
2 Department of Public Welfare shall file a State plan amendment  
3 with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United  
4 States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Title  
5 XIX of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 1396  
6 et seq.) by June 30, 2007. The program, including the treatment  
7 of assets for Medicaid eligibility and estate recovery, shall be  
8 structured and administered by the Department of Public Welfare  
9 in accordance with Federal law and applicable Federal guidelines  
10 for qualified State long-term care partnerships.

11 Section 3. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect immediately.