

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1372** Session of  
2008

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RHOADES, COSTA AND WOZNIAK, APRIL 14, 2008

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 14, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408, No.89), entitled, as  
2 reenacted, "An act providing for the creation of the Health  
3 Care Cost Containment Council, for its powers and duties, for  
4 health care cost containment through the collection and  
5 dissemination of data, for public accountability of health  
6 care costs and for health care for the indigent; and making  
7 an appropriation," further providing for sunset of act.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 19 of the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408,  
11 No.89), known as the Health Care Cost Containment Act, reenacted  
12 and amended July 17, 2003 (P.L.31, No.14), is amended to read:

13 Section 19. Sunset.

14 This act shall expire [June 30, 2008] June 30, 2018, unless  
15 reenacted prior to that date. By September 1, 2007, a written  
16 report by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
17 evaluating the management, visibility, awareness and performance  
18 of the council shall be provided to the Public Health and  
19 Welfare Committee of the Senate and the Health and Human  
20 Services Committee of the House of Representatives. The report

1 shall include a review of the council's procedures and policies,  
2 the availability and quality of data for completing reports to  
3 hospitals and outside vendor purchasers, the ability of the  
4 council to become self-sufficient by selling data to outside  
5 purchasers, whether there is a more cost-efficient way of  
6 accomplishing the objectives of the council and the need for  
7 reauthorization of the council.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.