

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 859 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY KULA, DeLUCA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, BARBIN, BISHOP, BOBACK, BRENNAN, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DALEY, FABRIZIO, GEIST, GIBBONS, HARKINS, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, McGEEHAN, MUNDY, MURPHY, M. O'BRIEN, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PAYTON, PRESTON, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, SABATINA, SAINATO, SANTONI, K. SMITH, STABACK, STURLA, J. TAYLOR, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD, GERBER AND DONATUCCI, MARCH 1, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MARCH 1, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), entitled "An  
2 act establishing a special fund and account for money  
3 received by the Commonwealth from the Master Settlement  
4 Agreement with tobacco manufacturers; providing for home and  
5 community-based care, for tobacco use prevention and  
6 cessation efforts, for Commonwealth universal research  
7 enhancement, for hospital uncompensated care, for health  
8 investment insurance, for medical assistance for workers with  
9 disabilities, for regional biotechnology research centers,  
10 for the HealthLink Program, for community-based health care  
11 assistance programs, for PACE reinstatement and PACENET  
12 expansion, for medical education loan assistance and for  
13 percentage allocation and appropriation of moneys," further  
14 providing for adult basic coverage insurance program.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 1303 of the act of June 26, 2001  
18 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, is  
19 amended by adding a subsection to read:

20 Section 1303. Adult basic coverage insurance program.

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1     (b.1) Continuation of eligibility.--An eligible adult shall  
2 not be deemed ineligible when, following a determination that he  
3 or she is eligible for the adult basic coverage insurance  
4 program but has been placed on the waiting list for coverage in  
5 accordance with subsection (d), he or she has purchased an  
6 individual policy or a limited benefit plan. When funding  
7 becomes available to offer enrollment in the adult basic  
8 insurance program to the person, upon satisfaction of all  
9 eligibility requirements, and if enrolled in an individual  
10 policy or a limited benefit plan, the person may immediately  
11 enroll in the adult basic insurance program, and the initial  
12 date of coverage will coincide with the end date of the  
13 individual policy or limited benefit plan previously purchased.

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