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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, COSTA AND  
LEACH, JANUARY 14, 2013

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REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, JANUARY 14, 2013

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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," in insurance, further providing for  
16 Medical Care 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 2014 and thereafter.

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