

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An
 2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and
 3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of
 4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and
 5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds
 6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and
 7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and
 8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,
 9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by
 10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and
 11 repealing existing laws," in health and accident insurance,
 12 further providing for autism spectrum disorders coverage.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 635.2 of the act of May 17, 1921
 16 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921,
 17 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

18 Section 635.2. Autism Spectrum Disorders Coverage.--* * *

19 (c.1) For purposes of this section, a covered individual
 20 who, prior to the effective date of this subsection, met the
 21 diagnostic criteria in place at the time of diagnosis under the

1 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV and was
2 diagnosed as having an autism spectrum disorder shall be deemed
3 to have an autism spectrum disorder, regardless of whether the
4 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders V makes
5 changes to the diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum
6 disorders.

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