

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 67

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike “due to an individual’s failure to pay premiums” and substitute “under certain circumstances”; and in line 7, strike “defining certain terms” and substitute “providing for the application of this Act”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) A POLICY WILL BE CONSIDERED TO PROVIDE BENEFITS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS IF BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE POLICY ARE BASED ON BOTH MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED AND FLAT FEES REGARDLESS OF ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 16, after “IF” insert “: (1)”; and in line 17, after “PREMIUM” insert “;

(2) COVERAGE IS TERMINATED FOR FRAUD OR MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION BY THE INDIVIDUAL; OR

(3) ANY COVERAGE PROVIDED BY A SUCCEEDING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN:

(I) IS PROVIDED AT A COST TO THE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO THE COST TO THE INDIVIDUAL OF THE EXTENDED BENEFIT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(II) DOES NOT RESULT IN AN INTERRUPTION OF BENEFITS”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2 in line 30, on page 3 in lines 10 and 23, and on page 4 in lines 2, 12, and 19, in each instance, strike “BENEFITS” and substitute “COVERED BENEFITS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL’S COVERAGE TERMINATES,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, after line 34, insert:

“(3) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION MAY AT ANY TIME REQUIRE THE INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF TOTAL DISABILITY.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, strike beginning with “SHALL” in line 32 down through “INDIVIDUAL” in line 33 and substitute “THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR GLASSES OR CONTACT LENSES SHALL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COVERED BENEFITS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL’S COVERAGE TERMINATES, FOR THE GLASSES OR CONTACT LENSES IF THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES THE GLASSES OR CONTACT LENSES”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, in line 18, after “SUBSECTION” insert “THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR ORTHODONTICS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, after line 24, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 1999. Any policy, contract, or health benefit plan in effect before October 1, 1999 shall comply with the provisions of this Act no later than October 1, 1999.”;

and in line 25, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.