

Session 112 - (1997-1998)

S*0310 (Rat #0529, Act #0441 of 1998) General Bill, By Senate Banking and Insurance

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 17, SO AS TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA PATIENTS' INSURANCE AND BENEFITS PROTECTION ACT WHICH DEFINES CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PLANS AND OTHER TERMS, REQUIRES THE OFFER OF A POINT-OF SERVICE OPTION WHEN THE INSURED OR MEMBER IS EMPLOYED BY AN EMPLOYER THAT HAS MORE THAN FIFTY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AND THAT OFFERS ONLY A CLOSED PANEL HEALTH CARE PLAN, PROVIDES FOR THE DIFFERENTIALS IN PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS, AND COINSURANCE, AND PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION BY THE HEALTH PLANS AGAINST A PHYSICIAN, A PODIATRIST, AN OPTOMETRIST, AN ORAL SURGEON, A CHIROPRACTOR, A PHARMACIST, OR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE BY REASON OF PROFESSION.-AMENDED TITLE

02/04/97	Senate	Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference SJ-12
02/18/97	Senate	Amended SJ-13
02/18/97	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-13
03/05/97	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-36
03/06/97	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-40
03/11/97	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-25
03/18/97	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-15
03/26/97	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-55
04/01/97	Senate	Amended SJ-20
04/01/97	Senate	Read second time SJ-20
04/01/97	Senate	Special order SJ-26
04/02/97	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-24
04/02/97	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-128
04/02/97	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-128
04/08/98	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-41
04/15/98	House	Amended HJ-54
04/15/98	House	Read second time HJ-59
04/16/98	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-16
05/27/98	Senate	House amendment amended SJ-31
05/27/98	Senate	Returned to House with amendments SJ-31
06/03/98	House	Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-18
06/04/98	Senate	Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Sens. McConnell, Patterson, Short SJ-202
06/04/98	House	Conference committee appointed Reps. Cato, Kirsh, Tripp HJ-51
06/16/98	House	Conference report received and adopted HJ-13
06/16/98	Senate	Conference report received and adopted
06/16/98	House	Ordered enrolled for ratification HJ-150
06/17/98		Ratified R 529
07/29/98		Signed By Governor
07/29/98		Effective date 01/01/99, except that the provisions of the act applicable to employer-sponsored health plans are effective for plan years beginning on or after 01/01/99
08/26/98		Copies available
09/14/98		Act No. 441