WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1975

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ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 625

(By Mr.s. Withrow and Mrs. Neal)

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PASSED February 7, 1975

In Effect ninety days from Passage

FILED 60 FEB 1975
EDGAR F. HEDRICK, XXT
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 2/4/75
AN ACT to amend article six, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirty-two, relating to the coverage of newly born children in all individual and group health insurance policies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article six, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirty-two, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. THE INSURANCE POLICY.

§33-6-32. Newly born children to be covered by all health insurance policies.

1 All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis and individual and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation which provide coverage for a family member of the insured or subscriber shall, as to such family members' coverage, also provide that the health insurance benefits applicable for children shall be payable with respect to a newly born child of the insured or subscriber from the moment of birth.
The coverage for newly born children shall consist of coverage of injury or sickness including the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities.

If payment of a specific premium or subscription fee is required to provide coverage for a child, the policy or contract may require that notification of birth of a newly born child and payment of the required premium or fees must be furnished to the insurer or nonprofit service or indemnity corporation within thirty-one days after the date of birth in order to have the coverage continue beyond such thirty-one day period.

The requirements of this section shall apply to all insurance policies and subscriber contracts now existing or hereafter delivered or issued for delivery in this state.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within ______________________ approved this the ________ day of _______________________, 1975.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 2/10/75
Time 1:35 p.m.