

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1975



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HOUSE BILL No. 625

(By Mrs. Mathew and Mrs. Neal)



PASSED February 7, 1975

In Effect ninety days from Passage



FILED IN 1975
EDGAR F. HENDERSON III
SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS DATE 2/14/75

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H. B. 625

(By MRS. WITHROW and MRS. NEAL)

[Passed February 7, 1975; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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
2 coverage on an expense incurred basis and individual and
3 group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit
4 corporation which provide coverage for a family member of
5 the insured or subscriber shall, as to such family members'
6 coverage, also provide that the health insurance benefits ap-
7 plicable for children shall be payable with respect to a newly
8 born child of the insured or subscriber from the moment of
9 birth.

10 The coverage for newly born children shall consist of cov-
11 erage of injury or sickness including the necessary care and
12 treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth
13 abnormalities.

14 If payment of a specific premium or subscription fee is re-
15 quired to provide coverage for a child, the policy or contract
16 may require that notification of birth of a newly born child
17 and payment of the required premium or fees must be fur-
18 nished to the insurer or nonprofit service or indemnity corp-
19 oration within thirty-one days after the date of birth in order
20 to have the coverage continue beyond such thirty-one day
21 period.

22 The requirements of this section shall apply to all insurance
23 policies and subscriber contracts now existing or hereafter
24 delivered or issued for delivery in this state.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Lawrence B. Christman
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

J. McLean Jr
Clerk of the Senate

V. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. B. [unclear]
President of the Senate

Lewis G. McMane
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 11th
day of February, 1975.

Arva [unclear]
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 2/10/75

Time 1:35 p.m.