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HOUSE BILL No. 4126

(By ~~REP~~ Del. Deem)



Passed March 10, 1990

In Effect ninety days from Passage

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H. B. 4126
(By DELEGATE DEEM)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fourteen, article sixteen-a, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to group health insurance conversion; benefit levels; election to provide group coverage; notification of conversion privilege; and policies delivered outside state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section fourteen, article sixteen-a, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 16A. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE CONVERSION.

§33-16A-14. Benefit levels; election to provide group coverage; notification of conversion privilege; policy delivered outside state.

1 If the benefit levels required in section nine of this
2 article exceed the benefit levels provided under the
3 group policy, the conversion policy may offer benefits
4 which are substantially similar to those provided under
5 the group policy in lieu of those required in section nine.

6 The insurer may elect to provide group insurance
7 coverage in lieu of the issuance of a converted individual
8 policy.

9 The insurer, prior to terminating the policy for any
10 reason, shall notify each employee or member, or such
11 employee's or member's spouse, child or dependent
12 entitled to the conversion privilege under this article, at
13 least forty-five days in advance of the termination, in
14 writing, of the pending termination. The notice shall
15 inform the employee or member of the conversion
16 privilege provided in this article.

17 A notification of the conversion privilege shall also be
18 included in each certificate of coverage.

19 A converted policy which is delivered outside this
20 state must be on a form which could be delivered in such
21 other jurisdiction as a converted policy had the group
22 policy been issued in that jurisdiction.

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

William L. Bran

Chairman Senate Committee

Bernard V. Kelly

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Samuel E. McKim

Clerk of the Senate

Donald L. Kopp

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Kath Bennett

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the *16th*
day of *March*, 1990.

Anton Caperton

Governor

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