

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1591 Session of 2012

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REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), entitled
 2 "An act reforming the law on medical professional liability;
 3 providing for patient safety and reporting; establishing the
 4 Patient Safety Authority and the Patient Safety Trust Fund;
 5 abrogating regulations; providing for medical professional
 6 liability informed consent, damages, expert qualifications,
 7 limitations of actions and medical records; establishing the
 8 Interbranch Commission on Venue; providing for medical
 9 professional liability insurance; establishing the Medical
 10 Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund; providing for
 11 medical professional liability claims; establishing the Joint
 12 Underwriting Association; regulating medical professional
 13 liability insurance; providing for medical licensure
 14 regulation; providing for administration; imposing penalties;
 15 and making repeals," in regulation of medical professional
 16 liability insurance, repealing provisions relating to reports
 17 to commissioner and claims information.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Section 743 of the act of March 20, 2002
 21 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and
 22 Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, is repealed:

23 [Section 743. Reports to commissioner and claims information.

24 (a) Duty to report.--By October 15 of each year, basic
 25 insurance coverage insurers and self-insured participating
 26 health care providers shall report to the department the claims

1 information specified in subsection (b).

2 (b) Department report.--Sixty days after the end of each
3 calendar year, the department shall prepare a report. The report
4 shall contain the total amount of claims paid and expenses
5 incurred during the preceding calendar year, the total amount of
6 reserve set aside for future claims, the date and place in which
7 each claim arose, the amounts paid, if any, and the disposition
8 of each claim, judgment of court, settlement or otherwise. For
9 final claims at the end of any calendar year, the report shall
10 include details by basic insurance coverage insurers and self-
11 insured participating health care providers of the amount of
12 assessment collected, the number of reimbursements paid and the
13 amount of reimbursements paid.

14 (c) Submission of report.--A copy of the report prepared
15 pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the chairman and
16 minority chairman of the Banking and Insurance Committee of the
17 Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Insurance
18 Committee of the House of Representatives.]

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.