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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 896 Session of  
2011

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INTRODUCED BY STACK, FONTANA, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, BROWNE AND FARNESE,  
MARCH 25, 2011

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REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, MARCH 25, 2011

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An  
2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and  
3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of  
4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and  
5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds  
6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and  
7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and  
8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,  
9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by  
10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and  
11 repealing existing laws," providing for insurance language  
12 translation.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284),

16 known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding  
17 a section to read:

18 Section 354.7. Insurance Language Translation.--Where an  
19 insurer issues, delivers or distributes a policy, endorsement,  
20 rider, certificate, application or any related materials and  
21 where it uses both an English and a non-English translation, the  
22 English translation shall control in any claim, dispute or  
23 complaint. Where both English and a non-English translation are

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1 used, both documents shall conspicuously state that the English  
2 translation shall control in any claim, dispute or complaint.

3 Section 2. The addition of section 354.7 of the act shall  
4 apply to policies, endorsements, riders, certificates,  
5 applications and any related materials issued, delivered or  
6 distributed on or after the effective date of this act.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.