

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

### **S\*0310 (Rat #0529, Act #0441 of 1998) General Bill, By Senate Banking and Insurance**

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 17, SO AS TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA PATIENTS' INSURANCE AND BENEFITS PROTECTION ACT WHICH DEFINES CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PLANS AND OTHER TERMS, REQUIRES THE OFFER OF A POINT-OF SERVICE OPTION WHEN THE INSURED OR MEMBER IS EMPLOYED BY AN EMPLOYER THAT HAS MORE THAN FIFTY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AND THAT OFFERS ONLY A CLOSED PANEL HEALTH CARE PLAN, PROVIDES FOR THE DIFFERENTIALS IN PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS, AND COINSURANCE, AND PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION BY THE HEALTH PLANS AGAINST A PHYSICIAN, A PODIATRIST, AN OPTOMETRIST, AN ORAL SURGEON, A CHIROPRACTOR, A PHARMACIST, OR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE BY REASON OF PROFESSION.-AMENDED TITLE

<b>02/04/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference SJ-12</b>
<b>02/18/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended SJ-13</b>
<b>02/18/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Debate interrupted SJ-13</b>
<b>03/05/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Debate interrupted SJ-36</b>
<b>03/06/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Debate interrupted SJ-40</b>
<b>03/11/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Debate interrupted SJ-25</b>
<b>03/18/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Debate interrupted SJ-15</b>
<b>03/26/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Debate interrupted SJ-55</b>
<b>04/01/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended SJ-20</b>
<b>04/01/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time SJ-20</b>
<b>04/01/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Special order SJ-26</b>
<b>04/02/97</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to House SJ-24</b>
<b>04/02/97</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time HJ-128</b>
<b>04/02/97</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-128</b>
<b>04/08/98</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-41</b>
<b>04/15/98</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-54</b>
<b>04/15/98</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time HJ-59</b>
<b>04/16/98</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-16</b>
<b>05/27/98</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>House amendment amended SJ-31</b>
<b>05/27/98</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Returned to House with amendments SJ-31</b>
<b>06/03/98</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-18</b>
<b>06/04/98</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Sens. McConnell, Patterson, Short SJ-202</b>
<b>06/04/98</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Conference committee appointed Reps. Cato, Kirsh, Tripp HJ-51</b>
<b>06/16/98</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Conference report received and adopted HJ-13</b>
<b>06/16/98</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Conference report received and adopted</b>
<b>06/16/98</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Ordered enrolled for ratification HJ-150</b>
<b>06/17/98</b>		<b>Ratified R 529</b>
<b>07/29/98</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>
<b>07/29/98</b>		<b>Effective date 01/01/99, except that the provisions of the act applicable to employer-sponsored health plans are effective for plan years beginning on or after 01/01/99</b>
<b>08/26/98</b>		<b>Copies available</b>
<b>09/14/98</b>		<b>Act No. 441</b>