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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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ATTENTION:

LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

THIS SUMMARY IS:
- [ ] AN OPINION
- [x] A JUSTIFICATION

OF:
- [ ] A PROPOSED AMENDMENT
- [ ] PROPOSED LEGISLATION
- [x] PENDING LEGISLATION

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A. PENDING LEGISLATION: House Bill 648 (Pr.#727)

OR BILL NUMBER: Insurance Department - sponsored

B. PROPOSED LEGISLATION: (GIVE CONTENT, PURPOSE AND FUNCTION)

Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), entitled, as amended, authorizing the Insurance Commissioner or a duly designated deputy to institute prosecution under certain penalty sections.

C. PREVIOUS HISTORY

Sponsors: Hutchinson, Toll, Zearfoss, et.al.; Referred to House Committee on Consumer Protection, March 5, 1975; Introduced, March 4, 1975.

D. DEPARTMENT POSITION: (EXPRESS SUPPORT, OPPOSITION, PROBLEM OR NEED AND JUSTIFY — USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

This Bill, similarly, will serve to augment the Insurance Department's jurisdiction over unlicensed activities, and will additionally, serve as a deterrent against such activities.

In the past, the Insurance Department has encountered lethargic and sometimes uncooperative local criminal enforcement officals in attempting to stop certain unlicensed activities. The Department, therefore, believes that the passage of legislation permitting the Insurance Commissioner or a duly designated deputy to institute prosecution when necessary, is urgently needed.

There are statutory precedents for this proposal in the provisions under which other Commonwealth Departments may bring legal action against unlicensed activities in other professional, occupation, or trade sectors.

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