

By Mr. Freeman of Chelmsford, petition of Bruce N. Freeman relative to pre-existing health conditions under certain group accident and health insurance policies insuring students attending certain educational institutions. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRE-EXISTING HEALTH CONDITIONS UNDER CERTAIN GROUP ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES INSURING STUDENTS ATTENDING CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 28A the following section: —
3 *Section 28B.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
4 special law to the contrary, any group health and accident policy
5 issued to any community college as a group policyholder insuring
6 students of said institution, shall not contain any provision which
7 excludes coverage for a pre-existing medical condition or for any
8 medical problem being treated so long as the student's health and
9 accident coverage is in force.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 73 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 1E the following section: —
3 *Section 1F.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
4 special law to the contrary, any group health and accident policy
5 issued to any state college as a group policyholder insuring
6 students of said institution, shall not contain any provision which
7 excludes coverage for a pre-existing medical condition or for any
8 medical problem being treated so long as the student's health and
9 accident coverage is in force.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 2A the following section:—

3 *Section 2B.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
4 special law to the contrary, any group health and accident policy
5 issued to said university as a group policyholder insuring students
6 of said institution, shall not contain any provision which excludes
7 coverage for a pre-existing medical condition or for any medical
8 problem being treated so long as the student's health and accident
9 coverage is in force.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 75A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 1 the following section:—

3 *Section 1A.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
4 special law to the contrary, any group health and accident policy
5 issued to said university as a group policyholder insuring students
6 of said institution, shall not contain any provision which excludes
7 coverage for a pre-existing medical condition or for any medical
8 problem being treated so long as the student's health and accident
9 coverage is in force.

1 SECTION 5. Chapter 75B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 1A the following section:—

3 *Section 1B.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
4 special law to the contrary, any group health and accident policy
5 issued to said university as a group policyholder insuring students
6 of said institution, shall not contain any provision which excludes
7 coverage for a pre-existing medical condition or for any medical
8 problem being treated so long as the student's health and accident
9 coverage is in force.