

HOUSE No. 6252

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 19, 1982.

The committee on Insurance to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2116) of Lucile P. Hicks and other members of the General Court relative to further regulating the health insurance laws to provide for continuing coverage for divorced or separated spouses, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6252) ought to pass.

For the Committee,

RICHARD A. VOKE.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING THE HEALTH INSURANCE LAWS TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING COVERAGE FOR DIVORCED OR SEPARATED SPOUSES.

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

- 1 Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
- 2 Chapter 196 of the statutes of 1980, is hereby amended further by
- 3 adding the following definition:
- 4 “Dependent”, for the purpose of this chapter, the term “depend-
- 5 ent” shall have the same meaning as in Chapter 175 of the General
- 6 Laws, including Section 1101 thereof, providing coverage for di-
- 7 vored or separated spouses of a member. A person’s status as a
- 8 dependent under such contract shall not be prevented merely by
- 9 reason of a decree of judgment of divorce or separate support
- 10 having been entered prior to the effective date of the health mainte-
- 11 nance contract”.