

SENATE No. 603

By Mr. Edward L. Burke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 603) of Edward L. Burke and Bruce N. Freeman for legislation 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-nine.

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 sec-
3 tion: —

4 *Section 28B.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any gen-
5 eral or special law to the contrary, any group health and acci-
6 dent policy issued to any community college as a group policy-
7 holder insuring students of said institution, shall not contain
8 any provision which excludes coverage for a pre-existing medi-
9 cal condition or for any medical problem being treated so long
10 as the student's health and 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 sec-
3 tion: —

4 *Section 1F.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general
5 or special law to the contrary, any group health and accident
6 policy issued to any state college as a group policyholder in-
7 suring students of said institution, shall not contain any pro-
8 vision which excludes coverage for a pre-existing medical con-
9 dition or for any medical problem being treated so long as the
10 student's health and 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 sec-
3 tion: —

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

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

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

1 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general
2 or special law to the contrary, any group health and accident
3 policy issued to any college, junior college, university or other
4 institution of higher education as a group policyholder insur-
5 ing students of said institution shall not contain any provision
6 which excludes coverage for a pre-existing medical condition
7 or for any medical problem being treated so long as the stu-
8 dent's health and accident coverage is in force.