

HOUSE No. 6282

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 3, 1973.

The committee on Insurance to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 445) of Dennis J. Duffin that health and accident insurance policies contain provisions guaranteeing that the insured or beneficiary shall receive payment within fifteen days from the insurance company receiving notice of claim under said policies, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6282) ought to pass.

For the committee,

DENNIS J. DUFFIN.

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROMPT PAYMENTS UNDER HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICIES.

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 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 110D the following section: –
3 *Section 110E.* Every insurance company providing a policy
4 of insurance referred to in section one hundred and eight or one
5 hundred and ten, issued or delivered in this commonwealth shall
6 transmit an acknowledgement of a claim under said policy within
7 fifteen days of receipt of notice of said claim with payment to
8 take place within thirty days from said receipt of notice or if
9 payment is not possible within said thirty days the insurer shall
10 transmit written communication to the insured or his beneficiary
11 specifying the reasons for the delay or what further documenta-
12 tion is necessary for payment of said claim.