



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 117

LCO No. 626

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

**AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH COVERAGE FOR UNINSURED
RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That any resident of the state without access to affordable health
2 insurance coverage be allowed to purchase coverage under the
3 HUSKY Plan, at rates that reflect no cost to the state. No individual or
4 group may be denied on the basis of past or future health care costs or
5 claim experience. Ten per cent of any general fund surplus funds shall
6 be set aside in a nonappropriated, nonlapsing HUSKY Endowment
7 Fund account. The HUSKY Endowment Fund account shall be
8 dedicated to subsidizing costs on a sliding scale based on the income
9 of the applicants for the HUSKY Plan. The HUSKY Endowment Fund
10 account shall accept private donations to sponsor premiums for
11 members, and such donations may be based on the applicant's town of
12 residence. All applicants for the HUSKY Plan shall be screened for
13 eligibility for all public health care coverage plans. It is further
14 proposed that small businesses be allowed to purchase health
15 insurance coverage for employees through the HUSKY Plan. The
16 application form and process for the HUSKY Plan shall be integrated

17 with the application for premium assistance from the HUSKY
18 Endowment Fund. The application shall allow applicants the option of
19 applying for health care coverage and financial assistance or health
20 care coverage alone.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide health insurance coverage for all uninsured residents of the state.