General Assembly **Substitute Bill No. 1147**

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR LOW INCOME ADULTS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) On or before October 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Social Services shall apply for a waiver of federal law to permit individuals (1) who do not have private health insurance, and (2) with incomes that do not exceed two hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty level, to be eligible for unsubsidized benefits under the HUSKY Plan, Part B, and upon approval of such waiver, the commissioner shall implement such insurance program.

(b) Individuals obtaining health insurance benefits pursuant to this section shall bear all costs for such benefits and no such costs shall be borne by the Department of Social Services.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	*July 1, 2003*

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

HS *Joint Favorable*