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**"AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
OVARIAN CANCER SCREENING."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 7-464 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

5 (a) Any town, city or borough may, through its authorized officials,
6 provide such form or forms of group life, health and accident and
7 hospital plan benefits for its employees as it deems advisable. Any
8 town, city or borough that provides health and accident and hospital
9 plan benefits for its employees may arrange and procure the same
10 benefits for each active member of a volunteer fire company or
11 department within such town, city or borough, provided the member
12 (1) elects coverage under such plan or plans, and (2) pays one hundred

13 per cent of the premium charged and any additional costs for such
14 coverage.

15 (b) If the town, city or borough has less than twenty employees, no
16 health and accident and hospital plan for such employees may provide
17 for reduced coverage for any employee who has reached the age of
18 sixty-five and is eligible for Medicare benefits or any employee's
19 spouse who has reached age sixty-five and is eligible for Medicare
20 benefits except to the extent such coverage is provided by Medicare. If
21 the town, city or borough has twenty or more employees, the terms of
22 any such plan shall entitle any employee who has attained the age of
23 sixty-five and any employee's spouse who has attained the age of
24 sixty-five to group hospital, surgical or medical insurance coverage
25 under the same conditions as any covered employee or spouse who is
26 under the age of sixty-five.

27 Sec. 502. Subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
29 *October 1, 2003*):

30 (i) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of municipal
31 employees or employees of nonprofit corporations under the plan or
32 plans procured under subsection (a) of this section, provided: (1)
33 Participation by each municipal employer or nonprofit corporation
34 shall be on a voluntary basis; (2) where an employee organization
35 represents employees in a municipality or nonprofit corporation,
36 participation in a plan or plans to be procured under subsection (a) of
37 this section shall be by mutual agreement of the municipal employer
38 and the employee organization only and neither party may submit the
39 issue of participation to binding arbitration except by mutual
40 agreement; (3) no group of employees shall be refused entry into the
41 plan by reason of past or future health care costs or claim experience;
42 (4) rates paid by the state for its employees under subsection (a) of this
43 section are not adversely affected by this subsection; (5) administrative
44 costs to the plan or plans provided under this subsection shall be paid
45 by the participating municipality or nonprofit corporation at no

46 additional cost to the state; and (6) participation in the plan or plans in
47 an amount determined by the state shall be for the duration of the
48 period of the plan or plans, or for such other period as mutually
49 agreed by the municipality or nonprofit corporation and the
50 Comptroller. The Comptroller, with the approval of the Secretary of
51 the Office of Policy and Management, may arrange and procure for the
52 employees under this subsection health benefit plans that vary from
53 the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this section. Such
54 alternate plans may be offered to municipal employees on a fully
55 underwritten basis only. Notwithstanding any provision of law, such
56 alternate plan may be offered to employees of nonprofit corporations
57 on either a fully underwritten or risk-pooled basis at the discretion of
58 the Comptroller. For the purposes of this subsection, (A)
59 "municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district, taxing
60 district, fire district, district department of health, probate district,
61 housing authority, regional work force development board established
62 under section 31-3k, regional emergency telecommunications center,
63 tourism district established under section 32-302, flood commission or
64 authority established by special act, regional planning agency, transit
65 district formed under chapter 103a, or the Children's Center
66 established by number 571 of the public acts of 1969; and (B) "nonprofit
67 corporation" means a nonprofit corporation organized under 26 USC
68 501(c)(3) that has a contract with the state."