



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 331**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 311

*Senate, April 4, 2006*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. MURPHY of the 16th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES AND DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) No health insurer, health  
2 care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation  
3 or fraternal benefit society that provides coverage under an individual  
4 health insurance policy or contract for advanced imaging services, may  
5 impose upon any person a copayment, deductible or other out-of-  
6 pocket expense for such imaging services in any year in an amount in  
7 excess of fifty dollars per visit not to exceed four hundred dollars per  
8 year for all such imaging services combined. For purposes of this  
9 section, "advanced imaging services" means computed axial  
10 tomography, magnetic resonance imaging or positron emission  
11 tomography.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) No health insurer, health  
13 care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation

14 or fraternal benefit society that provides coverage under a group  
 15 health insurance policy or contract for advanced imaging services, may  
 16 impose upon any person a copayment, deductible or other out-of-  
 17 pocket expense for such imaging services in any year in an amount in  
 18 excess of fifty dollars per visit not to exceed four hundred dollars per  
 19 year for all such imaging services combined. For purposes of this  
 20 section, "advanced imaging services" means computed axial  
 21 tomography, magnetic resonance imaging or positron emission  
 22 tomography.

23 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2006 supplement to the  
 24 general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (51) as follows  
 25 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

26 (NEW) (51) Lung Cancer Awareness Month. The Governor shall  
 27 proclaim the month of November to be Lung Cancer Awareness  
 28 Month to heighten public awareness of the fact that lung cancer is the  
 29 leading cause of cancer death of both men and women in the United  
 30 States. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and  
 31 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	10-29a(a)

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	None
Governor's Off.	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential	Potential

**Explanation**

Since the radiology services addressed in the bill are covered in the state health plans without copayments, the bill has no fiscal impact to the state as an employer.

The bill's impact on municipal health insurance costs will vary based on existing municipal coverage. To the extent that the total copayment limit under the bill impacts a municipality's employee health insurance plan, there would be increased costs to the plan that cannot be determined.

The bill allows the Governor to issue a proclamation that the month of November will be Lung Cancer Awareness Month. This proclamation can be absorbed within the agency resources.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 311*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES AND DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill limits the amount of copayments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenditures that can be imposed on a person for advanced imaging services to \$50 per visit and \$400 per year for all such imaging services combined. "Advanced imaging services" means computed axial tomography (CAT scan), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), or positron emission tomography (PET scan).

The bill applies to health insurers, HMOs, hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, or fraternal benefit societies providing group or individual coverage under a health insurance policy or contract for such imaging services.

The bill also requires the governor to designate November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month to heighten public awareness that lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death of both men and women in the United States. The bill specifies that suitable events must be held in the State Capitol and other places the governor designates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 5 (03/20/2006)