General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 311

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LCO No. **1596**

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) No health insurer, health care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or fraternal benefit society that provides coverage under an individual health insurance policy or contract for imaging services, including, but not limited to, magnetic resonance imaging, computed axial tomography or positron emission tomography, may impose a copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for such imaging services in any year by an amount in excess of fifty dollars per visit not to exceed four hundred dollars per year for all such imaging services combined.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) No health insurer, health care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or fraternal benefit society that provides coverage under a group health insurance policy or contract for imaging services, including, but not limited to, magnetic resonance imaging, computed axial tomography or positron emission tomography, may impose a

17 copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for such
18 imaging services in any year by an amount in excess of fifty dollars per
19 visit not to exceed four hundred dollars per year for all such imaging
20 services combined.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2006*	New section
Sec. 2	*October 1, 2006*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To limit the amount of patient copayments, deductibles and other out-of-pocket expenses for necessary radiology services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]