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"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 38a-1041 of the
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (4) Assist consumers with the filing of complaints and appeals,
7 including filing appeals with a managed care organization's internal
8 appeal or grievance process and the external appeal process
9 established under section 38a-478n. The Office of the Healthcare
10 Advocate shall refer, on a quarterly basis to the division of the
11 Insurance Department that reviews consumer and market conduct
12 matters, any complaints received by the Office of the Healthcare
13 Advocate that are determined by said office to include an allegation of
14 misconduct by or a violation of the insurance laws of this state by an
15 entity regulated by the Insurance Department;

16 Sec. 502. Section 38a-1041 of the general statutes is amended by
17 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

18 (NEW) (g) The Office of the Healthcare Advocate is designated as
19 the state's independent health insurance ombudsman for the purposes
20 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as
21 amended from time to time.

22 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) There is established a temporary
23 high risk pool program in the state in accordance with the Patient
24 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148. The Health
25 Reinsurance Association, as established under section 38a-556 of the
26 general statutes, may enter into contracts with the United States
27 Department of Health and Human Services, federal or state agencies,
28 including the Department of Social Services, or other federal or state
29 authorities to perform administrative services in connection with such
30 temporary high risk pool. Such temporary high risk pool shall be
31 separate from any other health care plan or pool offered or
32 administered by the Health Reinsurance Association."