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*Testimony by Representative Al Adinolfi  
Before the Insurance and Real Estate Committee  
On House Bill 5142  
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Good afternoon Chairmen Crisco and Megna, Ranking Members Kelly and Sampson, and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. I am Representative Al Adinolfi and I would like to thank this committee for letting me present my testimony in support of House Bill 5142, AN ACT REQUIRING THE INCLUSION OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS ON HEALTH INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

There are three reasons why I would like your support on HB 5142. First, if the primary physician's name was on every patient's insurance card, when they came into any emergency room in the country, the physician on duty would know where and to whom to send records and test results, when they are complete, for further review. Secondly, with a physician's name on every insurance card, hospitals will be able to find patients when they leave the hospital without paying their bill, thereby cutting down emergency room fraud. Third, if the name of the primary physician is on the insurance card, an emergency room doctor would be able to call the primary doctor and find out why he referred the patient to their emergency room. Hopefully with the patient knowing their doctor will be contacted this will prevent every stubbed toe and bruised hand from showing up in the emergency room where only emergencies belong.

Once again I would like to say thank you to the committee members for allowing me to testify on House Bill 5142. I will make myself available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Rep. Al Adinolfi