

No. 1978-72

AN ACT

HB 1238

Amending the act of August 12, 1971 (P.L.313, No.78), entitled "An act providing for elimination of discriminatory provisions relating to compensation for services and treatment under sickness and accident insurance contracts and providing for nondiscriminatory reimbursement of sickness and bodily injury claims thereunder," providing for the inclusion of other plans, and for reimbursement for physical therapy.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1, act of August 12, 1971 (P.L.313, No.78), entitled "An act providing for elimination of discriminatory provisions relating to compensation for services and treatment under sickness and accident insurance contracts and providing for nondiscriminatory reimbursement of sickness and bodily injury claims thereunder," is amended to read:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of any policy of insurance, *self-insured sickness, health and/or welfare plan providing benefits* issued or renewed after the effective date of this act, whenever such policy *or plan* provides for reimbursement for any service which may be legally performed by a person licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth for the practice of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropractic, [or] podiatry, *or physical therapy*, reimbursement under such policy *or plan* shall not be denied when such service is rendered by a person so licensed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of June, A. D. 1978.

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