

and within 30 days after satisfactory proof thereof is received by the insurer subject to the following limitations:

(1) The coverages described in § 539 may prescribe a period of not less than six months after the date of accident within which the original proof of loss with respect to a claim for benefits must be presented to the insurer.

(2) The coverages described in § 539 may provide that in any instance where a lapse occurs in the period of total disability or in the medical treatment of an injured person who has received benefits under such coverage or coverages and such person subsequently claims additional benefits based upon an alleged recurrence of the injury for which the original claim for benefits was made, the insurer may require reasonable medical proof of such alleged recurrence; provided, that in no event shall the aggregate benefits payable to any person exceed the maximum limits prescribed in the policy.

(b) Payments of benefits which are not made in accordance with this section and WHICH are overdue shall bear simple interest at the rate of [one and one-half] 1.5 percent [(1 1/2%)] per month.

~~(C) WHENEVER AN INSURER PROVIDING BENEFITS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 539 OF THIS ARTICLE OBTAINS KNOWLEDGE OF THE OCCURRENCE OF AN ACCIDENT THE RESULT OF WHICH CLAIMS COULD BE MADE FOR THOSE BENEFITS, THE INSURER IMMEDIATELY SHALL NOTIFY THOSE PROSPECTIVE CLAIMANTS WHO CAN BE ASCERTAINED BY A REASONABLE EFFORT OF THE LATEST DATE BY WHICH A CLAIM MAY BE FILED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE POLICY RECEIVES WRITTEN NOTICE FROM AN INSURED OF THE OCCURRENCE OF AN ACCIDENT, THE INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THAT INSURED OF THE LATEST DATE ON WHICH CLAIM MAY BE FILED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 544 (A) (1) OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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CHAPTER 340

(Senate Bill 710)

AN ACT concerning

Fair Election Practices - ~~Late Filing Fees~~  
Campaign Fund Reports