

establish different requirements and different levels of benefits for various types or categories of coverage and for varying types of group policies. In establishing minimum requirements, the Commissioner may establish exclusions and benefit limitations which he deems appropriate. The Commissioner may exempt certain types of group policies, and certain types of coverage under such policies, from the requirements of this section, where, in his discretion he deems such exemption appropriate. The Commissioner may establish conditions under which the conversion privilege shall not be operative. Such conditions may include, but need not be limited to, replacement of a terminated coverage by similar group coverage or by health programs sponsored by any government or by the group policyholder. The premium for the converted policy shall be determined in accordance with the insurer's table of premium rates applicable to the age and class of risk of each person to be covered under that policy and to the type and amount of insurance provided.

[(c)] (D) The Commissioner shall establish notification requirements for the insurer to the person whose coverage is being terminated of his right of conversion, and requirements regarding the timely election of the conversion privilege. The requirements for notification shall include, but need not be limited to, a provision in any certificates furnished persons covered under group and blanket health insurance policies setting forth the conditions applicable to election of the conversion privilege. Continuation of group coverage at the expense of the insured person may be required for a period not to exceed 6 months.

[(d)] (E) The provisions of this section shall apply to all group policies delivered or renewed in the State, upon the effective date or renewal anniversary date, whichever is later, of the policy.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 31, 1983.

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CHAPTER 612

(House Bill 553)

AN ACT concerning

Orphans' Court Judges - Compensation

FOR the purpose of correcting a mathematical error by increasing the maximum pension or salary for the service by a Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore City.