

provided that the total of such unemployment benefits and allowances for dependents shall not exceed the maximum weekly benefit amount in any one benefit week and further provided that no dependency allowance shall be payable with respect to any week unless an unemployment benefit is also payable with respect to such week. An individual's number of dependents shall be determined as of the day with respect to which he first files a valid claim for benefits in any benefit year, and shall be fixed for the duration of such benefit year. No person who has been determined to be a child of one individual on the beginning date of such individual's benefit year shall be deemed to be a child of any other individual whose benefit year starts within one year thereafter. Dependents' allowances shall be regarded as benefits for the purpose of computing contribution rates under the terms of § 8(c) of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

CHAPTER 688

(House Bill 776)

AN ACT concerning

Health Claims Arbitration Office -
Defendant's Certificate of Qualified Expert

FOR the purpose of providing that dismissal, without prejudice, of a claim filed in the Health Claims Arbitration Office is discretionary if the claimant fails to file a certificate of a qualified expert under certain circumstances that the panel chairman shall grant an extension of time for the filing of the claimant's certificate of a qualified expert under certain circumstances; providing that adjudication of a claim filed in the Health Claims Arbitration Office in favor of a claimant on the issue of liability is discretionary if the defendant fails to file a certificate of a qualified expert under certain circumstances; requiring that an extension of time for filing a certain certificate be granted for good cause shown; prohibiting, for certain certification purposes, a party or certain other persons from serving as a party's expert and signing a certain certificate; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a certain certificate of an expert filed in the Health Claims Arbitration Office.