

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 660

**PRINTER NO.** 2785

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 21, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Schlossberg

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 660 amends Title 40 (Insurance) to establish guidelines and regulations for pet insurance companies in Pennsylvania and to implement protections for customers of pet insurance policies.

The bill requires pet insurance policies to disclose any coverage exclusions, which may include:

- Preexisting conditions;
- A hereditary disorder;
- A congenital anomaly or disorder; or
- A chronic condition.

The bill requires other policy disclosures that include:

- Coverage limitation through a waiting period;
- Any deductible or coinsurance;
- Any annual or lifetime policy limits;
- Whether coverage will be reduced or premiums will be increased based on the insured's claims history, age of the covered pet or a change in geographic location;
- The name of the underwriting company if it differs from the brand name of the pet insurance company;
- A summary of the formula or fee schedule used to determine claim payments under the policy; and
- Whether a medical examination by a veterinarian is required to begin coverage.

All pet insurers must be appropriately licensed in the Commonwealth and must complete the training requirements as required by this legislation. Any violations resulting from failure to meet these requirements will result in the assessment of penalties or remedies, which may include the suspension or revocation of the

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insurer's license, imposition of civil penalties of not more than \$5,000 per violation or other penalties as deemed appropriate by the Insurance Commissioner.

This act shall take effect in 180 days.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Enactment of House Bill 660 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.