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- 1 Providing for the Consumer Education in Small Face Amount Life
- Insurance Policies Act.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 4 hereby enacts as follows:
- 5 Section 1. Short title.
- 6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Consumer
- 7 Education in Small Face Amount Life Insurance Policies Act.
- 8 Section 2. Purpose.
- 9 The purpose of this act is to establish rules that ensure
- 10 meaningful information is provided to the purchasers of small
- 11 face amount policies.
- 12 Section 3. Definitions.
- 13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 15 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 16 "Insurance producer." A person required to be licensed under
- 17 the laws of this Commonwealth to sell, solicit or negotiate

- 1 insurance, including annuities.
- 2 "Small face amount policy." A life insurance policy or
- 3 certificate with an initial face amount of \$15,000 or less.
- 4 Section 4. Disclosure requirements.
- 5 (a) Length of time. -- An insurer issuing a small face amount
- 6 policy, where over the term of the policy the cumulative policy
- 7 premiums paid may exceed the face amount of the policy, shall
- 8 clearly and prominently disclose, on or before policy delivery,
- 9 the length of time until the cumulative policy premiums paid may
- 10 exceed the face amount of the policy.
- 11 (b) Alternatives.--If an insurer is required to provide a
- 12 disclosure under subsection (a), the insurer shall clearly and
- 13 prominently disclose, on or before policy delivery, available
- 14 premium payment plan and product alternatives. If no
- 15 alternatives exist, the insurer shall clearly and prominently
- 16 disclose that there are no alternatives.
- 17 (c) Free look period. -- A policy subject to the disclosure
- 18 requirements of this section shall contain a provision allowing
- 19 the policyholder to cancel the policy within ten days following
- 20 the delivery of the policy with full premium refund to the
- 21 consumer and with no charge or penalty. The free look period
- 22 shall be clearly and prominently disclosed to the consumer.
- 23 Section 5. Cumulative premiums.
- 24 Cumulative premiums shall include premiums paid for riders.
- 25 The face amount, however, shall not include the benefit
- 26 attributable to the riders.
- 27 Section 6. Insurer duties.
- The insurer and its producers shall have a duty to provide
- 29 information to policyholders or certificate holders that ask
- 30 questions about the disclosure statement.

- 1 Section 7. Applicability.
- 2 The provisions of this act shall apply to group and
- 3 individual life insurance policies and certificates except:
- 4 (1) variable life insurance;
- 5 (2) individual and group annuity contracts;
- 6 (3) credit life insurance;
- 7 (4) policies and certificates where an illustration has
- 8 been provided under the requirements of Article IV-A of the
- 9 act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance
- 10 Company Law of 1921; or
- 11 (5) group or individual policies of life insurance
- issued to members of an employer group or other permitted
- group where:
- 14 (i) Every plan of coverage was selected by the
- employer or other group representative.
- 16 (ii) Some portion of the premium is paid by the
- 17 group or through payroll deduction.
- 18 (iii) Group underwriting or simplified underwriting
- is used.
- 20 Section 20. Effective date.
- 21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.