



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 7033

LCO No. 1493



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING PARITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 38a of the general statutes be amended to (1) require that
2 (A) each health carrier doing health insurance business in this state
3 submit an annual report concerning parity for mental health and
4 substance use disorder benefits, and (B) the committee of the General
5 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance conduct a
6 public hearing concerning (i) all such reports, and (ii) compliance with
7 the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and
8 Addiction Equity Act of 2008, P.L. 110-343, and (2) expand coverage,
9 and prohibit use of prior authorization and step therapy, for certain
10 prescription drugs.

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require that (A) each health carrier doing health insurance business in this state submit an annual report concerning parity for mental health and substance use disorder benefits, and (B) the committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance conduct a public hearing concerning (i) all such reports, and (ii) compliance with the Paul Wellstone and Pete

Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, P.L. 110-343, and (2) expand coverage, and prohibit use of prior authorization and step therapy, for certain prescription drugs.