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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 141, L.D.317, Bill,
"AN ACT to Clarify Standards for Consumer Membership under the
Health Facilities Information Disclosure Act."

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of
paragraph D and inserting in its place the following:

'D. Five public members shall be appointed as consumers
of health care. Neither the public members nor their
spouses or children shall, within the ~~preceeding~~ 12 months
preceding appointment, have been affiliated with, employed
by, or have had any professional affiliation with any
health care facility or institution, health product
manufacturer or corporation or insurer providing coverage
for hospital or medical care; provided that neither
membership in or subscription to a service plan maintained
by a nonprofit hospital and medical service organization,
nor enrollment in a health maintenance organization, nor
membership as a policyholder in a mutual insurer or coverage
under such a policy, nor the purchase of or coverage under
a policy issued by a stock insurer shall disqualify a person
from serving as a public member.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make clear who may
serve as a public member of the Health Facilities Cost Review
Board and the Voluntary Budget Review Organization. Recently,
a question arose whether a member of or subscriber to Blue Cross-

Blue Shield may serve as a public member under present law. This amendment resolves any confusion or ambiguity on this score by making it absolutely clear that no person is disqualified simply because they purchase or are covered by some kind of health insurance, whatever the type of insurer and whether or not that person enjoys any incidental membership or subscription rights with respect to the insurer.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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