

471(1) OR (3) SHALL PROVIDE THAT ANY INSURED PERSON WHOSE INSURANCE IS TERMINATED FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN FAILURE TO PAY ANY REQUIRED PREMIUM OR CONTRIBUTION, SHALL UPON TIMELY WRITTEN REQUEST, HAVE ISSUED TO HIM, WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY, AN INDIVIDUAL POLICY OF [[HEALTH]] HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERING HIM AND ANY OF HIS DEPENDENTS WHO WERE COVERED UNDER THE GROUP POLICY. THE INDIVIDUAL POLICY SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER THE GROUP [[OR BLANKET]] POLICY.

(B) THE INDIVIDUAL CONVERTED POLICIES MUST PROVIDE BENEFITS AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER [[OR WAS PROVIDED BY THE GROUP OR BLANKET POLICY]]. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS AND DIFFERENT LEVELS OF [[REQUIREMENTS]] BENEFITS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OR CATEGORIES OF COVERAGE AND FOR VARYING TYPES OF GROUP [[AND BLANKET]] POLICIES. IN ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH EXCLUSIONS AND BENEFIT LIMITATIONS WHICH HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE. THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXEMPT CERTAIN TYPES OF GROUP [[OR BLANKET]] POLICIES, AND CERTAIN TYPES OF COVERAGE UNDER SUCH POLICIES, FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, WHERE, IN HIS DISCRETION HE DEEMS SUCH EXEMPTION APPROPRIATE. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE CONVERSION PRIVILEGE SHALL NOT BE OPERATIVE. SUCH CONDITIONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, REPLACEMENT OF A TERMINATED COVERAGE BY SIMILAR GROUP [[OR BLANKET]] COVERAGE OR BY HEALTH PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY ANY GOVERNMENT OR BY THE GROUP [[OR BLANKET]] POLICY HOLDER.

(C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE INSURER TO THE PERSON WHOSE COVERAGE IS BEING TERMINATED OF HIS RIGHT OF CONVERSION, AND REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE TIMELY ELECTION OF THE CONVERSION PRIVILEGE. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, A PROVISION IN ANY CERTIFICATES FURNISHED PERSONS COVERED UNDER GROUP AND BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES SETTING FORTH THE CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ELECTION OF THE CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

(D) AFTER JANUARY 1, 1978 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ALL GROUP [[AND BLANKET]] POLICIES DELIVERED OR RENEWED IN THE STATE, [[AND TO ALL GROUP AND BLANKET POLICIES ISSUED IN OTHER STATES UNDER WHICH CERTIFICATES ARE DELIVERED IN THIS STATE,]] UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OR RENEWAL ANNIVERSARY DATE, WHICHEVER IS LATER, OF THE POLICY [[OR CERTIFICATE]].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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