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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 140

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Universal” in line 2 down through “System” in line 3 and substitute “Duties and Sunset Extension”; in line 5, after “Immunizations;” insert “including a representative from a health insurance carrier on the Commission; extending the termination date of the Commission;”; and after line 13, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 337 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, as amended by

Chapter 200 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005

Section 2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 21, strike “and”; and in line 22, after “practitioner” insert “;
AND

(13) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 23, insert:

“(III) AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE USE OF THIMEROSAL IN VACCINES, INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

(Over)

OF THIMEROSAL-FREE VACCINES, AND ANY OTHER ISSUE RELATED TO THE USE OF THIMEROSAL IN VACCINES THAT IS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION;;

and in lines 24, 25, and 27, strike “(iii)”, “(iv)”, and “(v)”, respectively, and substitute “**(IV)**”, “**(V)**”, and “**(VI)**”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, after line 8, insert:

“Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2002, as amended by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 2005

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of [6] 8 years and, at the end of May 31, [2008,] 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, in line 1, strike “(vi)” and substitute “**(VII)**”; in line 20, strike “and”; and in line 22, after “program” insert “;

(5) consider the feasibility and advisability of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to reimburse for vaccine administration on a per-antigen basis as an alternative to reimbursing on a per-dosage basis; and

(6) (i) consider all available options for requiring carriers to reimburse providers adequately for the full cost of immunizations including acquisition and overhead costs; and

(ii) consider the feasibility of publicizing a list of wholesale vendors and the prices charged by each vendor for vaccines”.