

HOUSE BILL No. 5815

March 2, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Pavlov, Sheltroun, Gaffney, Vander Veen, Emmons and Acciavatti and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled
"The insurance code of 1956,"
(MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 2264a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 2264A. (1) ANY POLICY OR CERTIFICATE DELIVERED, ISSUED
2 FOR DELIVERY, OR RENEWED IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES FOR HOSPITAL
3 OR MEDICAL CARE COVERAGE OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL
4 CARE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO ARE FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STUDENTS
5 SHALL CONTINUE COVERAGE FOR THAT DEPENDENT STUDENT IF THE DEPENDENT
6 STUDENT IS COVERED UNDER THAT POLICY OR CERTIFICATE AND TAKES A
7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY. COVERAGE
8 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CONTINUE FOR 12 MONTHS FROM THE LAST DAY
9 OF ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL OR UNTIL THE DEPENDENT REACHES THE AGE AT

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1 WHICH COVERAGE WOULD OTHERWISE TERMINATE, WHICHEVER PERIOD IS
2 SHORTER.

3 (2) TO QUALIFY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPENDENT
4 STUDENT'S ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SHALL CERTIFY IN WRITING TO THE
5 DEPENDENT'S INSURER OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT IT IS
6 MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR THE DEPENDENT STUDENT TO TAKE A LEAVE OF
7 ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.

8 (3) COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED AT THE SAME
9 RATE AS THAT CHARGED [FOR DEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS.]

10 (4) A DEPENDENT CHILD MUST CONTINUE TO MEET ALL OTHER
11 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPENDENT COVERAGE IN THE POLICY OR
12 CERTIFICATE IF THE DEPENDENT CHILD TAKES A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM
13 SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January
15 1, 2007.