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Senate Bill 75 (Substitute S-3 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Jon Cisky
Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to prohibit health maintenance organizations (HMOs) from rating, canceling coverage on, refusing to provide coverage for, or refusing to issue or renew a contract solely because an enrollee or applicant for enrollment was or had been a victim of domestic violence.

The bill also specifies that an HMO could not be held civilly liable for any cause of action that could result from compliance with the bill's provisions.

"Domestic violence" would mean "inflicting bodily injury, causing serious emotional injury or psychological trauma, or placing in fear of imminent physical harm by threat or force a person who resides or has resided with or who has a child in common with the person committing the violence".

The bill would apply to HMO contracts issued or renewed on or after 60 days following the bill's effective date.

Proposed MCL 333.21072

Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no apparent fiscal impact on State or local government.

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