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SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORS

House Bill 4557
Sponsor: Rep. Sal Rocca
Committee: Insurance

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4557 AS INTRODUCED 4-10-89

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to require the creation of a senior citizen health insurance advisor unit within the Insurance Bureau. The unit's responsibilities would include:

-- establishing local senior citizen health insurance advisor units in area agencies on aging;

-- recruiting volunteers to serve as educators and insurance information resource persons for senior citizens;

-- providing an initial training program for volunteers of at least 25 hours of training in the basics of disability insurance, with a focus on Medicare, Medicare supplemental coverage, long-term care coverage, and consumer protection, as well as subsequent supplemental training and information.

The insurance commissioner would establish the unit in consultation with the director of the Office of Services to the Aging.

The term "senior citizen" would refer to a state resident 60 years of age or older and the spouse of such a person regardless of age.

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