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S 462. HEALTH INSURANCE OMNIBUS CHANGES (=H 360). TO EXPRESSLY ALLOW NONBINDING ARBITRATION IN HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES; CLARIFY THE PREFERRED PROVIDER PLAN LAW; AMEND THE SMALL EMPLOYER RATE GUARANTEE LAW; PROVIDE FOR THE PROMOTION OF ALCOHOL AND NARCOTIC SCREENING AND INTERVENTION; AMEND THE LAW ON NEWBORN AND FOSTER CHILD COVERAGE; PROVIDE FOR SUCCESSOR HEALTH PLAN COVERAGE FOR CONFINEMENT OR PREGNANCY; PROVIDE FOR A HEALTH INSURANCE CONTINUATION ELECTION PERIOD; REQUIRE AN HMO GROUP COVERAGE PREMIUM CHANGE NOTICE; PROVIDE FOR SUCCESSOR HEALTH PLAN COVERAGE FOR CONDITIONS FIRST DIAGNOSED UNDER PREVIOUS COVERAGE; TO EXPAND MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT GUARANTEED ISSUANCE FOR DISABLED PERSONS; TO ALLOW THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES FOR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE TO IMPLEMENT FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO REFLECT REPEALS OF LAWS. Identical to H 360, introduced 3/1/01.

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