

CHAPTER 73
PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT STUDY
S.F. 347

AN ACT establishing a study regarding the inclusion of health care coverage costs for preventive care services and mental health and substance abuse treatment services under basic and standard health benefit plans, and providing for conditional effectiveness.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT STUDY.

1. a. The commissioner, pursuant to section 513B.37, subsection 1, shall conduct a study to determine the following:

(1) Whether expanded preventive care services are cost-effective and whether such services should be included in the basic health benefit plan and the standard health benefit plan as established by the commissioner under section 513B.14.

(2) Whether expanded mental health and substance abuse treatment coverage is cost-effective and whether such coverage should be included in the basic health benefit plan and the standard health benefit plan as established by the commissioner under section 513B.14.

b. In determining whether such services and coverage under paragraph "a", subparagraphs (1) and (2), should be included, the commissioner, in addition to considering the cost-effectiveness and other appropriate factors, shall also consider the increase, if any, in premium necessary to fund the expanded services or coverage, as applicable, and whether any savings may be realized as a result of such inclusion.

2. The commissioner shall file a written report with the general assembly on or before January 15, 1996, concerning the results of the study.

Sec. 2. This Act shall only be effective if the general assembly appropriates \$25,000 to the insurance division of the department of commerce for the purpose of completing the study identified in section 1 of this Act.*

Approved April 25, 1995

CHAPTER 74
CITY BOARDS OF REVIEW
S.F. 385

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of a city board of review by certain cities.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 441.31, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:
 441.31 BOARD OF REVIEW.

1. The chairperson of the conference board shall call a meeting by written notice to all of the members of the board for the purpose of appointing a board of review for all assessments made by the assessor. The board of review may consist of either three members or five members. As nearly as possible this board shall include one licensed real estate broker

*See Chapter 204, §14 herein

and one registered architect or person experienced in the building and construction field. In the case of a county, at least one member of the board shall be a farmer. Not more than two members of the board of review shall be of the same profession or occupation and members of the board of review shall be residents of the assessor jurisdiction. The terms of the members of the board of review shall be for six years, beginning with January 1 of the year following their selection. In boards of review having three members the term of one member of the first board to be appointed shall be for two years, one member for four years and one member for six years. In the case of boards of review having five members, the term of one member of the first board to be appointed shall be for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years, one member for four years and one member for six years.

2. However, notwithstanding the board of review appointed by the county conference board pursuant to subsection 1, a city council of a city having a population of seventy-five thousand or more, which is a member of a county conference board may provide, by ordinance, for a city board of review to hear appeals of property assessments by residents of that city. The members of the city board of review shall be appointed by the city council. The city shall pay the expenses incurred by the city board of review. All of the provisions of this chapter relating to the boards of review shall apply to a city board of review appointed pursuant to this subsection.

3. Notwithstanding the previous paragraph requirements of subsection 1, the conference board or a city council which has appointed a board of review may increase the membership of the board of review by an additional two members if it determines that as a result of the large number of protests filed or estimated to be filed the board of review will be unable to timely resolve the protests with the existing number of members. These two additional emergency members shall be appointed for a term set by the conference board or the city council but not for longer than two years. The conference board or the city council may extend the terms of the emergency members if it makes a similar determination as required for the initial appointment.

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CHAPTER 75

ELIMINATION OF VICTIM RESTITUTION FOR CERTAIN TRAFFIC OFFENSES

S.F. 386

AN ACT relating to restitution in certain traffic offenses which are simple misdemeanors.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 910.2, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

910.2 RESTITUTION OR COMMUNITY SERVICE TO BE ORDERED BY SENTENCING COURT.

In all criminal cases ~~including but not limited to~~ except simple misdemeanors under chapter 321, in which there is a plea of guilty, verdict of guilty, or special verdict upon which a judgment of conviction is rendered, the sentencing court shall order that restitution be made by each offender to the victims of the offender's criminal activities, to the clerk of court for fines, penalties, surcharges, and, to the extent that the offender is reasonably able to pay, for crime victim assistance reimbursement, court costs, court-appointed attorney's fees, or the expense of a public defender when applicable. However, victims