



**SENATOR JOHN PIPPY  
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PRIME SPONSORED BILL SUMMARY**

**SENATE BILL 177**

This bill proposes a personal income tax credit equal to the lesser of fifty per cent (50%) of any premiums paid by a taxpayer or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) during the year for a long-term care insurance policy for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or both.

The greatest challenge to individuals facing retirement is likely to be the costs of long term care; however, many individuals do not have long-term care insurance. This legislation will act as an incentive and help to subsidize the cost of purchasing insurance, which will hopefully lead to a reduction in the amount of older Pennsylvanians who end up depleting their resources and depending on Medicaid to pay for nursing home care.