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*Bill Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

## **S.B. 81**

127th General Assembly  
(As Passed by the Senate)

**Sens. Stivers, Schuler, Smith, Carey, Faber, Clancy, Goodman, Bocchieri, Schaffer, Mason, Cafaro, D. Miller, Amstutz, Austria, Buehrer, Fedor, Harris, Padgett, Wilson, Spada**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Designates the month of September as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month."

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Background--brain aneurysms**

A brain aneurysm is an abnormal bulging of an artery in the brain. An aneurysm can put pressure on a nerve or surrounding brain tissue. It may also rupture, causing bleeding into the brain. This can result in a hemorrhagic stroke, brain damage, or death.<sup>1</sup>

Approximately 2% of Americans will develop a brain aneurysm at some time.<sup>2</sup> Brain aneurysms most commonly occur in individuals 35 to 60 years of age. Women are slightly more likely to develop a brain aneurysm than men.<sup>3</sup>

#### **The bill**

The bill designates the month of September as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month." The bill states that its purpose is to increase public awareness and

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<sup>1</sup> Brain Aneurysm Resources. *What is a Brain Aneurysm?* (last visited March 9, 2007), available at <<http://www.brainaneurysm.com/>>.

<sup>2</sup> The Brain Aneurysm Foundation. *Frequently Asked Questions* (last visited March 12, 2007), available at <<http://www.bafound.org/faqs.php>>.

<sup>3</sup> Mayo Clinic. *Brain Aneurysm* (last visited March 9, 2007), available at <<http://mayoclinic.com/health/brain-aneurysm/DS00582>>.

understanding of brain aneurysms, including methods of early detection and treatment (R.C. 5.2250). The bill also states that the state encourages and commends private efforts, including those of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, to enhance funding for aneurysm research, provide educational materials and programs, and create a support network for patients, survivors, and their families (Section 2).

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## **HISTORY**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Introduced	02-27-07
Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Aging	04-19-07
Passed Senate (31-0)	05-10-07

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