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**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Carter to Reengrossed House Bill No. 578 by Representative Glover

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "enact" insert "R.S. 22:1041.1 and"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, at the end of line 3, change "healthcare" to "health insurance and Medicaid"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 5, after "definitions;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

9 "Section 1. R.S. 22:1041.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1041.1. Smoking cessation benefits; coverage

11 A.(1) Any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this  
12 state shall include coverage for smoking cessation benefits for a minimum  
13 period of six months if a licensed physician recommends and certifies that  
14 the smoking cessation benefits may help the person to quit smoking.

15 (2) The coverage required in this Section shall not be subject to  
16 annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, or any other out-of-pocket or  
17 cost-sharing expense provisions.

18 B. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

19 (1) "Health coverage plan" means any hospital, health, or medical  
20 expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee  
21 welfare benefit plan, contract, or other agreement with a health maintenance  
22 organization or a preferred provider organization, health and accident  
23 insurance policy, or any other insurance contract of this type in this state,  
24 including a group insurance plan, a self-insurance plan, and the Office of  
25 Group Benefits programs. "Health coverage plan" shall not include a plan  
26 providing coverage for excepted benefits as defined in R.S. 22:1061, limited  
27 benefit health insurance plans, and short-term policies that have a term of  
28 less than twelve months.

29 (2) "Smoking cessation benefits" means smoking cessation treatments  
30 and services, including individual counseling, group counseling, nicotine  
31 patches, nicotine gum, nicotine lozenges, nicotine nasal spray, nicotine  
32 inhaler, bupropion, and varenicline."

33 AMENDMENT NO. 5

34 On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, change "Section 1." to "Section 2."

35 AMENDMENT NO. 6

1 On page 1, at the end of line 8, after "program;" and before "coverage" and insert "medical  
2 assistance program;"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 7

4 On page 1, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

5 "(2) "Medical assistance program" means the medical assistance  
6 program provided for in Title XIX of the Social Security Act as administered  
7 by the Louisiana Department of Health."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 8

9 On page 1, at the beginning of line 12, change "(2)" to "(3)"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 9

11 On page 1, delete lines 16 through 19 and insert the following:

12 "B.(1) The smoking cessation benefits provided for in R.S. 22:1041.1 shall  
13 be a covered service in the medical assistance program."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 10

15 On page 2, after line 5, add the following:

16 "Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall apply to any  
17 new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on and after  
18 January 1, 2024. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior  
19 to January 1, 2024, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this Act on  
20 or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2025."