

# ACT No. 208

HOUSE BILL NO. 771

BY REPRESENTATIVES FOIL, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, BROSSETT, BROWN, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CONNICK, COX, CROMER, DIXON, DOVE, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GREENE, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HILL, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, GIROD JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RITCHIE, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1050(A)(1) and (D)(1) and to repeal R.S. 22:1050(H)(1),  
3 relative to the mandate for coverage of diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum  
4 disorders; to raise the age for such coverage; to eliminate the limitation on lifetime  
5 benefits; to provide relative to applicability; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1050(A)(1) and (D)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
8 as follows:

9 §1050. Requirement for coverage of diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum  
10 disorders in individuals less than ~~seventeen~~ twenty-one years of age

11 A.(1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection H of this Section, any  
12 health coverage plan specified in Paragraph (G)(6) of this Section which is issued for  
13 delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state on or after  
14 January 1, ~~2009~~, 2014, shall provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of  
15 autism spectrum disorders in individuals less than ~~seventeen~~ twenty-one years of age.

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1 D.(1) Coverage under this Section shall be subject to a maximum benefit of  
2 thirty-six thousand dollars per year, ~~and a lifetime maximum benefit of one hundred~~  
3 ~~forty-four thousand dollars.~~

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5 Section 2. R.S. 22:1050(H)(1) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6 Section 3. To the extent that the provisions of this Act require benefits that exceed  
7 the essential health benefits specified under Section 1302(b) of the Patient Protection and  
8 Affordable Care Act, Public Law No. 111-148, as amended, the specific benefits that exceed  
9 the specified essential health benefits shall not be required of a health benefit plan when the  
10 plan is offered by a health care insurer in this state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_