

SENATE BILL NO. 57

BY SENATOR BROOME

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1025.1, relative to health insurance; to mandate inclusion of coverage for
3 the treatment of lymphedema as an option in certain policies; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1025.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§1025.1. Health insurance policies; mandated offering for treatment of**
8 **lymphedema**

9 **A. Any health insurance policy issued or issued for delivery in this state**
10 **shall include as an option to be exercised by the policyholder, as defined therein,**
11 **covered benefits for the treatment of lymphedema, rendered or prescribed by**
12 **a physician licensed in this state or received in any licensed hospital or in any**
13 **other public or private facility authorized to provide lymphedema treatment,**
14 **including multilayer compression bandaging systems and custom or standard-**
15 **fit gradient compression garments.**

16 **B. Any insurer who, on August 1, 2014, has health insurance policies in**
17 **force in this state shall convert such existing policies to conform to the**
18 **provisions of this Section on or before the renewal dates.**

19 **C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to limited benefit health**
20 **insurance policies or contracts authorized to be issued in this state.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____