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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. SKELOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to the purchase of prescription drugs

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph 13-a to read as follows:
3 (13-A) EVERY POLICY THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION FERTILITY
4 DRUGS AND REQUIRES OR PERMITS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH
5 A MAIL ORDER PHARMACY SHALL PROVIDE THE SAME COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION
6 FERTILITY DRUGS WHEN SUCH DRUGS ARE PURCHASED FROM A PHARMACY THAT IS
7 NOT A MAIL ORDER PHARMACY. SUCH POLICY SHALL NOT IMPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL
8 FEE, CO-PAYMENT, CO-INSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLE OR OTHER CONDITION ON ANY
9 INSURED WHO DOES NOT ELECT TO PURCHASE PRESCRIPTION FERTILITY DRUGS
10 THROUGH A MAIL ORDER PHARMACY.
11 S 2. Paragraph 6 of subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance
12 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (D) to read as follows:
13 (D) EVERY POLICY THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION FERTILITY
14 DRUGS AND REQUIRES OR PERMITS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH
15 A MAIL ORDER PHARMACY SHALL PROVIDE THE SAME COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION
16 FERTILITY DRUGS WHEN SUCH DRUGS ARE PURCHASED FROM A PHARMACY THAT IS
17 NOT A MAIL ORDER PHARMACY. SUCH POLICY SHALL NOT IMPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL
18 FEE, CO-PAYMENT, CO-INSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLE OR OTHER CONDITION ON ANY
19 COVERED PERSON WHO DOES NOT ELECT TO PURCHASE PRESCRIPTION FERTILITY
20 DRUGS THROUGH A MAIL ORDER PHARMACY.
21 S 3. Subsection (s) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended
22 by section 2 of part K of chapter 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended by
23 adding a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:
24 (4) EVERY POLICY ISSUED BY A MEDICAL EXPENSE INDEMNITY CORPORATION, A
25 HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION OR A HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION THAT

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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7 DOES NOT ELECT TO PURCHASE PRESCRIPTION FERTILITY DRUGS THROUGH A MAIL
8 ORDER PHARMACY.

9 S 4. If any clause, subparagraph, subsection, section or other part
10 of this act, or the application thereof be held to be invalid, such
11 holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this
12 act, or the application of such section or part of a section held inval-
13 id.

14 S 5. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
15 have become a law and shall apply to all policies and contracts issued,
16 renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such effective date.