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Introduced by M. of A. CYMBROWITZ, COOK, ESPAILLAT, GALEF, MARKEY, MILLMAN, J. RIVERA, ZEBROWSKI -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BROOK-KRASNY, DIAZ, GUNTHER, JEFFRIES, JOHN, MAYERSOHN, PHEFFER, SEMINERIO, TOWNS, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to providing coverage for vaccinations for travel to foreign countries

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

Section 1. Subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new paragraph 15 to read as follows:

(15) EVERY GROUP OR BLANKET POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL OR SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE-TYPE COVERAGE MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR VACCINATIONS FOR TRAVEL TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES THAT ARE RECOMMENDED OR REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

SUCH COVERAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES AND COINSURANCES AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND AS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER BENEFITS WITHIN A GIVEN POLICY.

S 2. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (ff) to read as follows:

(FF) EVERY CONTRACT ISSUED BY A MEDICAL EXPENSE INDEMNITY CORPORATION OR HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATION WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL OR SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE-TYPE COVERAGE MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR VACCINATIONS FOR TRAVEL TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES THAT ARE RECOMMENDED OR REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

SUCH COVERAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES AND COINSURANCES AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND AS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER BENEFITS WITHIN A GIVEN POLICY.

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

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S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such date.