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Introduced by M. of A. HEASTIE, CRESPO, JAFFEE, ROBINSON, BRAUNSTEIN, BOYLAND, WEPRIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, DINOWITZ, MILLMAN, SIMOTAS, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to mandatory health insurance coverage for tinnitus testing and treatment

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

Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new paragraph 30 to read as follows:

(30) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL OR SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR TINNITUS TESTING AND TREATMENT. COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE EXPENSES FOR ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION, TREATMENT, AND FOLLOW-UP CARE.

S 2. Subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new paragraph 19 to read as follows:

(19) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL OR SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR TINNITUS TESTING AND TREATMENT. COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE EXPENSES FOR ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION, TREATMENT, AND FOLLOW-UP CARE.

S 3. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (jj) to read as follows:

(JJ) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL OR SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR TINNITUS TESTING AND TREATMENT. COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE EXPENSES FOR ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION, TREATMENT, AND FOLLOW-UP CARE.

S 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such effective date.

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

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