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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance -- recommitted to the Committee on Insurance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to mandatory health insurance coverage for prosthetic devices

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 33 to read as follows:  
3 (33) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR  
4 COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE AND PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR DURABLE MEDICAL  
5 EQUIPMENT SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC DEVICES THAT ARE  
6 INTENDED FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY REHABILITATIVE AND HABILITATIVE  
7 PURPOSES AS REQUIRED BY 42 U.S.C. S 18022 THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO THE  
8 COVERAGE PROVIDED FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. COVERAGE SHALL NOT BE  
9 DENIED IF THE POLICY HOLDER'S PHYSICIAN DETERMINES THE PROSTHETIC DEVICE  
10 IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE MODEL THAT ADEQUATELY MEETS THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF  
11 THE POLICY HOLDER. THE TERM "PROSTHETIC DEVICE" AS USED IN THIS PARA-  
12 GRAPH INCLUDES AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB BUT SHALL NOT INCLUDE SHOES OR ANY  
13 OTHER ARTICLE CONSIDERED AS ORDINARY WEARING APPAREL, WHETHER OR NOT  
14 SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED. THE TERM "POLICY HOLDER" AS USED IN THIS PARA-  
15 GRAPH SHALL MEAN A VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO RESIDES IN THE STATE  
16 OF NEW YORK AND WHOSE MEDICAL NEED FOR SUCH PROSTHETIC DEVICE RESULTED  
17 FROM AN INJURY SUFFERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED  
18 FORCES.  
19 S 2. Subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by  
20 adding a new paragraph 19 to read as follows:  
21 (19) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR  
22 COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE AND PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR DURABLE MEDICAL

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

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13 FROM AN INJURY SUFFERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED  
14 FORCES.

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

17 (OO) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR  
18 COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE AND PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR DURABLE MEDICAL  
19 EQUIPMENT SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC DEVICES THAT ARE  
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25 THE POLICY HOLDER. THE TERM "PROSTHETIC DEVICE" AS USED IN THIS  
26 SUBSECTION INCLUDES AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB BUT SHALL NOT INCLUDE SHOES OR  
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29 SUBSECTION SHALL MEAN A VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO RESIDES IN THE  
30 STATE OF NEW YORK AND WHOSE MEDICAL NEED FOR SUCH PROSTHETIC DEVICE  
31 RESULTED FROM AN INJURY SUFFERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING IN  
32 THE ARMED FORCES.

33 S 4. This act shall take effect May 1, 2018 and shall apply to all  
34 policies and contracts issued, renewed, altered, or amended on or after  
35 such effective date.