STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 16, 2018

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

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring that more expansive Lyme disease testing be offered as part of most laboratory tests covered by health insurance

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 34 to read as follows:

(34) For the purposes of this subsection, whenever laboratory tests shall be required to be covered, such tests shall include testing for Lyme disease. Coverage shall include at minimum both the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and western blot tests, regardless of whether they were conducted consecutively or simultaneously. Coverage shall not be contingent on such results of either test. Rather, coverage shall be contingent only on such test having been administered pursuant to a doctor's order.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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