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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- 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 health insurance policies to fully cover comprehensive genetic testing and FDA approved biomarker testing for ovarian and prostate cancers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ana Lucia
2 act".

3 § 2. Paragraph 11-a of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance
4 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

5 (C) (i) Such policy shall provide additional full coverage for compre-
6 hensive genetic testing and FDA approved testing based on family or
7 person's history for prostatic and ovarian cancer when recommended by a
8 doctor, a board-certified geneticist or a board-certified genetic coun-
9 selor. Such coverage shall also be provided after the patient's initial
10 diagnosis. Patients need to know if they carry the genetic or inheri-
11 tance mutation, which can help to determine possible treatments. Genetic
12 screening shall be covered for prostate and ovarian cancer patients'
13 family members. The genetic result shall not be used against family
14 members that carry the genetic or inheritance mutation for insurance
15 coverage purposes.

16 (ii) All costs associated with such additional full coverage shall not
17 be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance but shall be borne
18 solely by the insurer.

19 § 3. Paragraph 11-a of subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance
20 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

21 (C)(i) Such policy shall provide additional full coverage for compre-
22 hensive genetic testing and FDA approved testing based on family or
23 person's history for prostatic and ovarian cancer when recommended by a
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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7 coverage purposes.

8 (ii) All costs associated with such additional full coverage shall not
9 be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance but shall be borne
10 solely by the insurer.

11 § 4. Subsection (z-1) of section 4303 of the insurance law is amended
12 by adding a new paragraph 3 to read as follows:

13 (3)(A) Such policy shall provide additional full coverage for compre-
14 hensive genetic testing and FDA approved testing based on family or
15 person's history for prostatic and ovarian cancer when recommended by a
16 doctor, a board-certified geneticist or a board-certified genetic coun-
17 selor.

18 (B) All costs associated with such additional full coverage shall not
19 be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance but shall be borne
20 solely by the insurer. Such coverage shall also be provided after the
21 patient's initial diagnosis. Patients need to know if they carry the
22 genetic or inheritance mutation, which can help to determine possible
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24 cancer patients' family members. The genetic result shall not be used
25 against family members that carry the genetic or inheritance mutation
26 for insurance coverage purposes.

27 § 5. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
28 have become a law and shall apply to all policies, contracts and certif-
29 icates issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such
30 date.