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Reported by: Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland for the Committee.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 670, L.D. 1732, Bill, "An Act to Promote the Health of Newborns and Their Mothers"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

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Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2318-A is enacted to read:

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§2318-A. Maternity and newborn care

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A nonprofit hospital or medical service organization that issues individual and group contracts providing maternity benefits, including benefits for childbirth, must provide coverage for services related to maternity and newborn care, including coverage for hospital stay, in accordance with the attending physician's determination in conjunction with the mother that the mother and newborn meet the criteria outlined in the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care," published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. For the purposes of this section, "attending physician" includes the obstetrician, pediatrician, certified nurse midwife or other physician attending the mother and newborn.

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Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2743-A is enacted to read:

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§2743-A. Maternity and newborn care

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An insurer that issues individual contracts providing maternity benefits, including benefits for childbirth, must provide coverage for services related to maternity and newborn

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care, including coverage for hospital stay, in accordance with the attending physician's determination in conjunction with the mother that the mother and newborn meet the criteria outlined in the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care," published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. For the purposes of this section, "attending physician" includes the obstetrician, pediatrician, certified nurse midwife or other physician attending the mother and newborn.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2834-A is enacted to read:

§2834-A. Maternity and newborn care

An insurer that issues group contracts providing maternity benefits, including benefits for childbirth, must provide coverage for services related to maternity and newborn care, including coverage for hospital stay, in accordance with the attending physician's determination in conjunction with the mother that the mother and newborn meet the criteria outlined in the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care," published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. For the purposes of this section, "attending physician" includes the obstetrician, pediatrician, certified nurse midwife or other physician attending the mother and newborn.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4234-A is enacted to read:

§4234-A. Maternity and newborn care

Individual and group contracts issued by a health maintenance organization that provide maternity benefits, including benefits for childbirth, must provide coverage for services related to maternity and newborn care, including coverage for hospital stay, in accordance with the attending physician's determination in conjunction with the mother that the mother and newborn meet the criteria outlined in the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care," published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. For the purposes of this section, "attending physician" includes the obstetrician, pediatrician, certified nurse midwife or other physician attending the mother and newborn.

Sec. 5. Applicability. This Act applies to all policies and contracts executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. All policies and contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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6 The expansion of insurance requirements related to maternity
and newborn care will not increase the cost of the State's
employee health insurance program since the proposed services are
8 currently covered.

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12 The Bureau of Insurance within the Department of
Professional and Financial Regulation will incur some minor
additional costs to administer any additional filings that may
occur as a result of certain perinatal coverage requirements.
14 These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted
resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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22 This amendment replaces the bill and requires all individual
and group contracts of nonprofit hospital or medical service
organizations, insurers and health maintenance organizations
24 providing benefits for maternity and newborn care to provide
coverage for maternity benefits, including coverage for hospital
stay, in accordance with the attending physician's determination
26 in conjunction with the mother that the mother and newborn meet
the criteria contained in the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care,"
28 published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American
College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The amendment also adds a
30 fiscal note to the bill.