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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 320, L.D. 1060, Bill, "An Act to Provide Health Insurance Coverage for Prostate Cancer Screening"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§2325-C." by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening. All individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan contracts must provide coverage for services for the early detection of prostate cancer. The contracts must reimburse for services for the early detection of prostate cancer, if recommended by a physician, at least once a year for men 50 years of age or older until a man reaches the age of 72.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§2745-E." by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening. All individual insurance policies and contracts must provide coverage for services for the early detection of prostate cancer. The contracts must reimburse for services for the early detection of prostate cancer, if recommended by a physician, at least once a year for men 50 years of age or older until a man reaches the age of 72.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "§2837-F." by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

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'2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening. All group insurance policies and contracts must provide coverage for services for the early detection of prostate cancer. The contracts must reimburse for services for the early detection of prostate cancer, if recommended by a physician, at least once a year for men 50 years of age or older until a man reaches the age of 72.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "~~S4243.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Required coverage for prostate cancer screening. All health maintenance organization individual and group contracts must provide coverage for services for the early detection of prostate cancer. The contracts must reimburse for services for the early detection of prostate cancer, if recommended by a physician, at least once a year for men 50 years of age or older until a man reaches the age of 72.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		

Salary Plan

Personal Services	\$28,380	\$57,760
Provides funds for the additional employer health insurance costs resulting from the mandated benefit related to prostate cancer screening.		

Sec. 6. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report and amends the bill. It requires all individual and group contracts of nonprofit hospital and medical services, insurers and health maintenance organizations to provide insurance coverage for prostate cancer screening. Coverage for prostate cancer screening must be provided annually to men 50 years of age or older until a man reaches the age of 72 if the procedures are recommended by a physician.

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The amendment applies to all policies and contracts in effect on or after January 1, 1998.

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The amendment also adds an appropriation, allocation and a fiscal note to the bill.