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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 389, L.D. 1168, Bill, "An Act to Provide Equity in Prescription Insurance for Contraceptive Coverage"

Amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph after the title in the last line (page 1, line 28 in amendment) by inserting after "pregnancy" the following: 'or to emergency contraceptive prescription drugs or devices prescribed after unprotected intercourse to prevent a pregnancy'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 3rd indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 35 to 50 and page 2, lines 1 to 5 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Exclusion for religious employer. A religious employer may request and a nonprofit hospital or medical service organization or nonprofit health care service organization shall grant an exclusion under the policy or contract for the coverage required by this section if the religious employer objects to such coverage on the basis of the religious employer's bona fide religious beliefs and practices. For the purposes of this section, "religious employer" means an employer that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c) (3).'

Further amend the amendment in the 5th indented paragraph after the title in the last line (page 2, line 17 in amendment) by inserting after "pregnancy" the following: 'or to emergency contraceptive prescription drugs or devices prescribed after unprotected intercourse to prevent a pregnancy'

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Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 7th indented paragraph after the title (page 2, lines 23 to 42 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Exclusion for religious employer. A religious employer may request and an insurer shall grant an exclusion under the policy or contract for the coverage required by this section if the religious employer objects to such coverage on the basis of the religious employer's bona fide religious beliefs and practices. For the purposes of this section, "religious employer" means an employer that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c) (3).'

Further amend the amendment in the 9th indented paragraph after the title in the last line (page 3, line 4 in amendment) by inserting after "pregnancy" the following: 'or to emergency contraceptive prescription drugs or devices prescribed after unprotected intercourse to prevent a pregnancy'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 11th indented paragraph after the title (page 3, lines 10 to 28 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Exclusion for religious employer. A religious employer may request and an insurer shall grant an exclusion under the policy or contract for the coverage required by this section if the religious employer objects to such coverage on the basis of the religious employer's bona fide religious beliefs and practices. For the purposes of this section, "religious employer" means an employer that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c) (3).'

Further amend the amendment in the 12th indented paragraph after the title in the last line (page 3, line 35 in amendment) by inserting after "pregnancy" the following: 'or to emergency contraceptive prescription drugs or devices prescribed after unprotected intercourse to prevent a pregnancy'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 14th indented paragraph after the title (page 3, lines 41 to 50 and page 4, lines 1 to 10 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Exclusion for religious employer. A religious employer may request and a health maintenance organization shall grant an exclusion under the policy or contract for the coverage required by this section if the religious employer objects to such coverage on the basis of the religious employer's bona fide religious beliefs and practices. For the purposes of this

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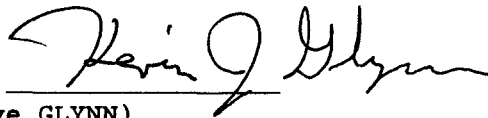
section, "religious employer" means an employer that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c) (3).

**SUMMARY**

This amendment excludes emergency contraception from the application of the bill in addition to prescription drugs and devices that are designed to terminate a pregnancy. It also amends the definition of a religious employer that may request an exemption from the purchase of an insurance policy providing mandated coverage for contraceptives.

The amendment also adds disability income insurance to the types of insurance that are exempted from the requirement to provide contraceptive coverage.

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