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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 15, L.D. 20, Bill, "An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Cover the Cost of Prosthetics"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Cover the Cost of Prosthetics Containing Microprocessors'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4315, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 459, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

6. Exclusions. Coverage is not required pursuant to this section for a prosthetic device that contains a microprocessor or that is designed exclusively for athletic purposes.

Sec. 2. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2011. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill. Under current law, health insurance carriers are required to provide coverage for prosthetic devices, but coverage is not required for those devices containing a microprocessor. The amendment removes the exclusion for prosthetic devices that include a microprocessor. The amendment applies to insurance policies, contracts and certificates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2011.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT