

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Bloom, Wasserman Schultz, and Effman offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 7, between lines 17 and 18, of the bill

insert:

Section 2. Legislative findings and intent.--

(1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) Each year, more than half of all pregnancies in this state are unintended.

(b) Contraceptive services are part of basic health care, allowing families to both adequately space desired pregnancies and avoid unintended pregnancy.

(c) Contraceptives are highly cost-effective, yielding from \$4 to \$14 dollars in savings for every dollar expended.

(d) By reducing rates of unintended pregnancy, contraceptives help reduce the need for abortions.

(e) Unintended pregnancies lead to higher rates of infant mortality, low birth weight, and maternal morbidity and threaten the economic viability of families.

1 (f) Most women in this state of childbearing age rely
2 on private employment-related insurance to cover their medical
3 expenses.

4 (g) Most private insurers cover prescription drugs,
5 but many exclude coverage for prescription contraceptives.

6 (h) The lack of contraceptive coverage in health
7 insurance policies places many effective forms of
8 contraceptives beyond the financial reach of many women,
9 leading to unintended pregnancies.

10 (2) Therefore, the Legislature determines that
11 enactment of this bill constitutes an important state
12 interest.

13 Section 3. Section 627.64061, Florida Statutes, is
14 created to read:

15 627.64061 Coverage for prescription
16 contraceptives.--Any health insurance policy that provides
17 coverage for outpatient prescription drugs shall cover
18 prescription oral contraceptives approved by the federal Food
19 and Drug Administration and prescribed by a practitioner
20 authorized by state licensure to prescribe such medication.
21 Coverage must be provided to the same extent and subject to
22 the same contract terms, including copayments and deductibles,
23 as any other prescription drug.

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26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 On page 1, line 22

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30 after the first semicolon insert:

31 providing legislative intent with respect to

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health insurance coverage for prescription
contraceptives; creating s. 627.64061, F.S.;
requiring any health insurance policy that
provides coverage for outpatient prescription
drugs to cover prescription oral
contraceptives;