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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to infant eye care; amending s. 383.04,
3 F.S.; requiring certain eye examinations for all infants
4 born in hospitals in the state; reenacting s. 383.07,
5 F.S., relating to a penalty; amending ss. 627.6416 and
6 641.31, F.S.; providing that coverage for children under
7 health insurance policies and health maintenance
8 organization contracts include certain eye examinations
9 for infants and children; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 383.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to
14 read:

15 383.04 Prophylactic required for eyes of infants.--Every
16 physician, midwife, or other person in attendance at the birth
17 of a child in the state is required to instill or have instilled
18 into the eyes of the baby within 1 hour after birth an effective
19 prophylactic recommended by the Committee on Infectious Diseases
20 of the American Academy of Pediatrics for the prevention of
21 neonatal ophthalmia. In addition, every baby born in a hospital
22 in the state shall receive, prior to being discharged from the
23 hospital, an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation
24 of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular
25 abnormalities. This section does not apply to cases where the
26 parents file with the physician, midwife, or other person in
27 attendance at the birth of a child written objections on account
28 of religious beliefs contrary to the use of drugs. In such case
29 the physician, midwife, or other person in attendance shall



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30 maintain a record that such measures were or were not employed
 31 and attach thereto any written objection.

32 Section 2. Section 383.07, Florida Statutes, is reenacted
 33 to read:

34 383.07 Penalty for violation.--Any person who fails to
 35 comply with the provisions of ss. 383.04-383.06 shall be guilty
 36 of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in
 37 s. 775.083.

38 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 39 627.6416, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

40 627.6416 Coverage for child health supervision services.--

41 (2) As used in this section, the term "child health
 42 supervision services" means physician-delivered or physician-
 43 supervised services that include, at a minimum, services
 44 delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this section.

45 (a) Child health supervision services must include
 46 periodic visits which shall include a history, a physical
 47 examination, a developmental assessment and anticipatory
 48 guidance, ~~and~~ appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests,
 49 and eye examinations at birth, at 6 to 8 weeks of age, and at 6
 50 to 9 months of age, using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the
 51 pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular
 52 abnormalities and developmental abnormalities. Such services
 53 and periodic visits shall be provided in accordance with
 54 prevailing medical standards consistent with the Recommendations
 55 for Preventive Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of
 56 Pediatrics.

57 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (30) of section
 58 641.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

59 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--



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61 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "child health
 62 supervision services" means physician-delivered or physician-
 63 supervised services that include, at a minimum, services
 64 delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this subsection.

65 1. Child health supervision services must include periodic
 66 visits which shall include a history, a physical examination, a
 67 developmental assessment and anticipatory guidance, ~~and~~
 68 appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests, and eye
 69 examinations at birth, at 6 to 8 weeks of age, and at 6 to 9
 70 months of age, using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils
 71 for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities
 72 and developmental abnormalities. Such services and periodic
 73 visits shall be provided in accordance with prevailing medical
 74 standards consistent with the Recommendations for Preventive
 75 Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

76 2. Minimum benefits may be limited to one visit payable to
 77 one provider for all of the services provided at each visit
 78 cited in this subsection.

79 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.