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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means (Crist) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 525 and 526
insert:

Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 627.668, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.668 Optional coverage for mental and nervous disorders required; exception.—

(1) Every insurer, health maintenance organization, and nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporation transacting group health insurance or providing prepaid health care in this state shall make available to the policyholder as



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13 part of the application, for an appropriate additional premium
14 under a group hospital and medical expense-incurred insurance
15 policy, under a group prepaid health care contract, and under a
16 group hospital and medical service plan contract, the benefits
17 or level of benefits specified in subsection (2) for the
18 necessary care and treatment of mental and nervous disorders, as
19 defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and
20 Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by ~~standard~~
21 nomenclature of the American Psychiatric Association. This
22 requirement is, subject to the right of the applicant for a
23 group policy or contract to select any alternative benefits or
24 level of benefits as may be offered by the insurer, health
25 maintenance organization, or service plan corporation. ~~provided~~
26 ~~that,~~ If alternate inpatient, outpatient, or partial
27 hospitalization benefits are selected, such benefits shall not
28 be less than the level of benefits required under subsection (2)
29 ~~paragraph (2) (a), paragraph (2) (b), or paragraph (2) (c),~~
30 ~~respectively.~~

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

33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete line 84

35 and insert:

36 or its operator or employee; amending s. 627.668,
37 F.S.; clarifying a reference for the necessary care
38 and treatment of mental and nervous disorders;
39 providing an effective