AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1050(A)(1) and (D)(1) and to repeal R.S. 22:1050(H)(1), relative to the mandate for coverage of diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders; to raise the age for such coverage; to eliminate the limitation on lifetime benefits; to provide relative to applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1050(A)(1) and (D)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1050. Requirement for coverage of diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders in individuals less than seventeen twenty-one years of age

A.(1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection H of this Section, any health coverage plan specified in Paragraph (G)(6) of this Section which is issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state on or after January 1, 2009, shall provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders in individuals less than seventeen twenty-one years of age.

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D.(1) Coverage under this Section shall be subject to a maximum benefit of thirty-six thousand dollars per year and a lifetime maximum benefit of one hundred forty-four thousand dollars.

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Section 2. R.S. 22:1050(H)(1) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. To the extent that the provisions of this Act require benefits that exceed the essential health benefits specified under Section 1302(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law No. 111-148, as amended, the specific benefits that exceed the specified essential health benefits shall not be required of a health benefit plan when the plan is offered by a health care insurer in this state.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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