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ACT No. 1045

HOUSE BILL NO. 461

BY REPRESENTATIVES DANIEL AND CLARKSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:215.22, relative to health insurance benefits; to prohibit exclusion by certain health insurance policies, contracts, and plans of coverage of a correctable medical condition otherwise covered by the policy, contract, or plan solely because the condition results in infertility; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:215.22 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§215.22. Prohibited exclusion of coverage of correctable medical conditions on basis of infertility

A.(1) Any health insurance policy, contract, or plan specified in Subsection B of this Section which is issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state on or after January 1, 2002, shall not exclude coverage for diagnosis and treatment of a correctable medical condition otherwise covered by the policy, contract, or plan solely because the condition results in infertility.

(2) This Section shall not be construed to require coverage of the following:

(a) Fertility drugs.

(b) In vitro fertilization or any other assisted reproductive technique.

(c) Reversal of a tubal ligation, a vasectomy, or any other method of sterilization.

B. As used in this Section, a health insurance policy, contract, or plan shall include any hospital, health, or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan, contract or agreement with a health maintenance organization or a preferred provider organization, health and accident insurance policy, or any other insurance contract of this type, including a group insurance plan, a self-insurance plan, and the State Employees' Group Benefits Program.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____