

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1247 by Representative Hoffmann

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Prohibits coverage of elective abortions by health insurance issuers

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deleted certain legislative findings.
2. Removed definitions of "health insurance coverage" and "health insurance issuer".
3. Limited the prohibition on insurance benefits payable for elective abortion to apply only to plans to be offered through an exchange established pursuant to health reform legislation enacted by the 111th Congress.
4. Provided that the term "abortion" in proposed law shall have the meaning ascribed in present law (R.S. 40:1299.35.1(1)).
5. Made technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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DIGEST

Proposed law provides for legislative findings.

Proposed law provides for the definition of "abortion".

Proposed law provides that no health care plan required to be established in this state through an exchange pursuant to federal health reform legislation enacted by the 111th Congress shall offer coverage for abortion services.

Proposed law shall not be construed to recognize any independent right to abortion under the constitution or laws of this state.

Proposed law shall not be construed to recognize the constitutional validity of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (federal health care reform act) of 2010.

Proposed law provides that its provisions shall be severable.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 22:1016)