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House Bill 222 Sectional Analysis

- Section 1: This section incorporates requirements in 42 U.S.C. 300gg-53 into state law. 42 U.S.C. 300gg-54 prohibits health care insurers from discriminating against individuals on the basis of genetic information. It prohibits health care insurers from requiring individuals to undergo genetic testing as a condition of insurance.
- Section 2: This section changes the requirements for insurance coverage for treatment of alcoholism or drug abuse. Currently, insurers are mandated to provide coverage for treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse to employer groups with 20 or more employees and mandates that insurers offer such coverage to employer groups with fewer than 20 employees. This section would replace that mandate and only require insurers to offer coverage for substance abuse to all employer groups. Under the mental health parity provisions in Section 6 of the bill insurers are prohibited from placing limits on substance abuse coverage that are not placed on the general medical coverage of the plan.
- Section 3: This section amends the definition of dentist for insurance purposes to cover dentists who are not licensed in Alaska.
- Section 4: This section incorporates requirements in 42 U.S.C. 300gg-54 and 42 U.S.C. 300gg-7 into state law. Those sections of federal statute require that health care insurers continue to cover college students under their parent's health insurance coverage when the students take leave from school for medical reasons.
- Section 5: This section has two changes to enrollment requirements for employees who are eligible for their employer's health insurance plans but have previously chosen to not enroll in that plan. The first change allows a person who was covered by Medicaid or similar plan and loses eligibility for that plan, to enroll in their employer's health insurance plan. The second change allows a person to enroll in their employer's health insurance plan if they become eligible for assistance to help pay for their employer's health insurance plan from Medicaid or a similar plan.
- Section 6: This section incorporates requirements in 42 U.S.C. 300gg-5 to apply to state law. The federal requirements are that a health care insurer may not place restrictions on mental health and substance use coverage in an insurance plan that are not placed on the general medical coverage of that plan.
- Section 7: This section provides an effective date for section 1 of the bill.

Section 8: This section provides an effective date for sections 4 and 6 of the bill.