

**SENATE BILL NO. 253**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: L&C, FIN

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to insurance coverage for costs of prostate cancer detection."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4           Sec. 21.42.395. COVERAGE FOR PROSTATE CANCER DETECTION. (a)  
5           An insurer authorized under AS 21.09 to offer, issue for delivery, deliver, or renew an  
6           individual or group disability insurance policy for medical coverage on an expense  
7           incurred basis in the state, a hospital or medical service corporation authorized under  
8           AS 21.87 to offer or renew a subscriber's contract for medical coverage in the state,  
9           or a health maintenance organization authorized under AS 21.86 to offer an enrollee  
10          contract to provide health care services on a prepaid basis shall provide coverage for  
11          the costs of prostate cancer screening tests to the same extent that the policy or  
12          contract provides coverage for screening or detection of other diseases or illnesses.  
13          The coverage required by this section is subject to standard policy provisions  
14          applicable to other benefits including deductible or copayment provisions.

15               (b) This section does not apply to a supplemental insurance contract covering

1 a specified disease or offering limited benefits.

2 (c) In this section, "prostate cancer screening tests" includes a prostate antigen  
3 blood test or another test that is equivalent or better in cancer detection.

4 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act applies to a policy of insurance entered into or renewed on or after the  
5 effective date of this Act.