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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 359

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring that coverage for newly born children
7 be included in group health and disability plans."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 21.54 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 21.54.037. REQUIRED PROVISION FOR COVERAGE FOR NEWLY BORN
11 CHILDREN. A group or blanket disability insurance policy issued under
12 the authority of this chapter that provides benefits for hospital
13 expenses due to an illness or injury of the insured or a member of his
14 family shall, as to these family members' coverage, also provide that
15 the insurance benefits applicable for children shall be payable with
16 respect to a newly born child of the insured from the moment of birth.
17 The coverage for newly born children shall consist of coverage of
18 injury or sickness including the necessary care and treatment of medi-
19 cally diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. If payment
20 of a specific premium is required to provide coverage for a child, the
21 policy may require that notification of birth of a newly born child and
22 payment of the required premium must be furnished to the insurer within
23 31 days after the date of birth in order to have the coverage continue
24 beyond the 31-day period. The requirements of this chapter shall apply
25 to all insurance policy contracts delivered or issued for delivery in
26 this state more than 120 days after the effective date of this chapter.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 21.87.340 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

28 (15) AS 21.54.037.
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