

1 IN THE SENATE

BY CHANCE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 141

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring that coverage for newly born children
7 be included in individual or group health and dis-
8 ability plans."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read;

11 Sec. 21.42.345. REQUIRED PROVISION FOR COVERAGE FOR NEWLY BORN
12 CHILDREN. All individual and group health insurance policies providing
13 coverage on an expense incurred basis and individual and group service
14 or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation which
15 provide coverage for a family member of the insured or subscriber shall,
16 as to the family members' coverage, also provide that the health
17 insurance benefits applicable for children shall be payable with
18 respect to a newly born child of the insured or subscriber from the
19 moment of birth. The coverage for newly born children shall consist
20 of coverage of injury or sickness including the necessary care and
21 treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnor-
22 malities. If payment of a specific premium or subscription fee is
23 required to provide coverage for a child, the policy or contract may
24 require that notification of birth of a newly born child and payment
25 of the required premium or fees must be furnished to the insurer or
26 nonprofit service or indemnity corporation within 31 days after the
27 date of birth in order to have the coverage continue beyond the 31-day
28 period. The requirements of this chapter shall apply to all insurance
29 policies and subscriber contracts delivered or issued for delivery in

1 this state more than 120 days after the effective date of this Act.

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

3 (15) AS 21.42.345
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