

**SENATE BILL NO. 404**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY SENATOR KERTTULA**

**Introduced: 2/14/92**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**1 "An Act relating to dental, vision, and hearing insurance coverage."**

**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. 21.42.385. DENTAL, VISION AND HEARING COVERAGE. (a) An insurer**  
**5 authorized under AS 21.09 to offer, issue for delivery, deliver, or renew an individual or group**  
**6 disability insurance policy for medical coverage on an expense incurred basis in the state shall**  
**7 offer to individuals of all ages for acceptance or rejection minimum dental, vision, and hearing**  
**8 coverage described in (b) of this section. Coverage required under this subsection may be offered**  
**9 as a rider or in the form of a limited benefit policy.**

**10 (b) The minimum coverage required under (a) of this section includes**

**11 (1) for dental coverage**

**12 (A) dentures;**

**13 (B) treatment necessary for relief of pain or acute infection;**

**14 (2) for vision coverage**

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- (A) one examination a year;
  - (B) one pair of glasses a year;
  - (C) cataract surgery; and
- (3) for hearing coverage
- (A) one hearing aid at least once every two years;
  - (B) one examination by an audiologist a year.