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H.B. No. 2545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to health benefit plan coverage of hearing aids and
3 cochlear implants for certain individuals.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1367.253(a), Insurance Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A health benefit plan must provide coverage for the cost
8 of a medically necessary hearing aid or cochlear implant and
9 related services and supplies for a covered individual who is 25
10 [~~18~~] years of age or younger.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
12 to a health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed
13 on or after January 1, 2022. A health benefit plan delivered,
14 issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2022, is governed
15 by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of
16 this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.