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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health benefit plan coverage for detection and prevention of osteoporosis.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1361.002, Insurance Code, as effective April 1, 2005, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1361.002. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. (a) This chapter applies only to a group health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state that provides coverage for medical or surgical expenses incurred as a result of accident or sickness, including:

(1) a group insurance policy;

(2) a group contract issued by a group hospital service corporation operating under Chapter 842; and

(3) a group contract issued by a health maintenance organization operating under Chapter 843.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a group standard health benefit plan provided under Chapter 1507 or Article 3.80 or 20A.09N must provide the coverage required by this chapter.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2006. A health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2006, is covered by the law in effect at the time the health benefit plan

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1 was delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed, and that law is  
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.