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S.B. No. 64

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to insurance coverage for certain devices that facilitate
3 insulin therapy and enhance glucose control in the treatment of
4 diabetes.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subdivisions (1) and (2), Section 1358.051,
7 Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (1) "Diabetes equipment" means:

9 (A) blood glucose monitors, including
10 noninvasive glucose monitors and glucose monitors designed to be
11 used by blind individuals;

12 (B) insulin pumps and associated appurtenances;

13 (C) insulin infusion devices and devices that
14 facilitate insulin therapy and enhance glucose control; and

15 (D) podiatric appliances for the prevention of
16 complications associated with diabetes.

17 (2) "Diabetes supplies" means:

18 (A) test strips for blood glucose monitors;

19 (B) visual reading and urine test strips;

20 (C) lancets and lancet devices;

21 (D) insulin and insulin analogs;

22 (E) injection aids and devices that facilitate
23 insulin therapy and enhance glucose control;

24 (F) syringes;

1 (G) prescriptive and nonprescriptive oral agents
2 for controlling blood sugar levels; and

3 (H) glucagon emergency kits.

4 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an insurance policy that
5 is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1,
6 2010. A policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before
7 January 1, 2010, is governed by the law as it existed immediately
8 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in
9 effect for that purpose.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.