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H.B. No. 2178

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to covered benefits for certain persons under the child
3 health plan.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 62.151, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

7 (g) The child health plan must provide as covered benefits
8 prescription contraceptive drugs or devices approved by the United
9 States Food and Drug Administration and outpatient contraceptive
10 services for an enrollee who is at least 15 years of age and who is
11 the birth mother of at least one child. This subsection does not
12 require coverage of abortifacients or any other drug or device that
13 terminates a pregnancy.

14 SECTION 2. Section 62.151(c), Health and Safety Code, is
15 repealed.

16 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
17 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
18 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
19 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
20 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
21 waiver or authorization is granted.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
3 legislative session.