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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH  
5 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL  
6 ILLNESS, ALCOHOLISM, OR DRUG ADDICTION; AMENDING SECTION  
7 40-5901, R.C.M. 1947."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Definition. As used in this act, "health  
11 care provider" means any private person, corporation, or  
12 facility, or any facility or institution of a governmental  
13 unit of any state duly licensed by that state to provide  
14 health care, including but not limited to physicians,  
15 osteopaths, registered nurses, practical nurses, dentists,  
16 optometrists, podiatrists, psychologists, or psychiatrists  
17 licensed in this state pursuant to Title 66 or hospital or  
18 other health care facility licensed in this state pursuant  
19 to Title 69, chapter 52.

20 Section 2. Mental illness, alcoholism, and drug  
21 addiction -- coverage by health service corporation. A  
22 disability insurance plan or group disability insurance plan  
23 issued by a health service corporation shall provide  
24 benefits for health services to any person covered under  
25 such policy for diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of

1 mental illness, alcoholism, or drug addiction to the extent  
2 that diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment are covered under  
3 such policy as any other illness. Diagnosis, evaluation, or  
4 treatment to be covered must be obtained from a licensed  
5 health care provider.

6 Section 3. Mental illness, alcoholism, and drug  
7 addiction -- coverage by group disability insurance policy.  
8 A group disability insurance policy delivered or renewed in  
9 this state shall contain a provision that benefits for  
10 health services to any person covered under such policy for  
11 diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of mental illness,  
12 alcoholism, or drug addiction will be provided to the extent  
13 that diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment are covered under  
14 such policy for any other illness. Diagnosis, evaluation,  
15 or treatment to be covered must be obtained from a licensed  
16 health care provider.

17 Section 4. Mental illness, alcoholism, and drug  
18 addiction -- coverage by disability insurance policy. A  
19 disability insurance policy delivered or renewed in this  
20 state shall contain a provision that benefits for health  
21 services to any person covered under such policy for  
22 diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of mental illness,  
23 alcoholism, or drug addiction will be provided to the extent  
24 that diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment are covered under  
25 such policy for any other illness. Diagnosis, evaluation, or

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1 treatment to be covered must be obtained from a licensed  
2 health care provider.

3 Section 5. Section 40-5901, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 "40-5901. Definitions. As used in this act:

6 (1) "Health service corporation" means a nonprofit  
7 corporation organized or operating for the purposes of  
8 establishing and operating a nonprofit plan or plans under  
9 which prepaid hospital care, medical-surgical care and other  
10 health care and services, or reimbursement therefor, may be  
11 furnished to a member or beneficiary;

12 (2) "Health services" means the health care and  
13 services provided by hospitals, or other health care  
14 institutions, organizations, associations or groups, and by  
15 doctors of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropractic,  
16 ~~psychology, psychiatry,~~ optometry and podiatry, nursing  
17 services, medical appliances, equipment and supplies, drugs,  
18 medicines, ambulance services, and other therapeutic  
19 services and supplies;

20 (3) "Membership contract" means any agreement,  
21 contract or certificate by which a health service  
22 corporation describes the health services or benefits  
23 provided to its members or beneficiaries;

24 (4) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of insurance  
25 of the state of Montana."

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