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House BILL NO. 153

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING DISABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES FOR ALL POLICIES OF DISABILITY INSURANCE, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, BLANKET, AND HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATION POLICIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 33-22-111, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 33-22-111, MCA, is amended to read:

**"33-22-111. Policies to provide for freedom of choice of practitioners -- professional practice not enlarged.** (1) All policies of disability insurance, including individual, group, and blanket policies, must provide that the insured has full freedom of choice in the selection of any licensed physician, physician assistant-certified, dentist, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, psychologist, licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, acupuncturist, direct-entry midwife, or nurse specialist as specifically listed in 37-8-202 for treatment of any illness or injury within the scope and limitations of the person's practice. Whenever the policies insure against the expense of drugs, the insured has full freedom of choice in the selection of any licensed and registered pharmacist.

(2) This section may not be construed as enlarging the scope and limitations of practice of any of the licensed professions enumerated in subsection (1). This section may not be construed as amending, altering, or repealing any statutes relating to the licensing or use of hospitals."

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Coverage required for services provided by licensed direct-entry midwives.** A health service corporation shall provide, in group and individual insurance contracts, coverage for health services provided by a licensed direct-entry midwife if the health care services that direct-entry midwives are licensed to perform are covered by the contract.

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 33, chapter 30, part 10, and the provisions of Title 33, chapter 30, part 10, apply to

1 [section 2].

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