

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 302

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to insurance coverage of mental health counseling for victims of rape

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1056.1, relative to health insurance coverage; to require coverage of mental
3 health counseling for victims of rape; to require certain additional screenings if the
4 victim bears a child resulting from rape; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1056.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1056.1. Requirement for coverage of mental health counseling; victims of rape;
8 conception and birth

9 A health coverage plan which is delivered or issued for delivery in this state
10 that provides benefits for mental health services shall provide coverage for mental
11 health counseling services as prescribed in R.S. 37:1101 et seq. for victims of rape.

12 If a victim conceives and births a child as a result of rape, covered mental health
13 counseling services shall also include at least one year of postpartum psychosis
14 screenings.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires health insurance coverage of mental health counseling services for victims of rape.

Proposed law requires a health coverage plan delivered or issued in this state that provides mental health services to cover mental health counseling services as prescribed in present law (R.S. 37:1101 et seq.) for victims of rape. Further requires at least one year of postpartum psychosis screenings for victims of rape who conceive and birth a child as a result of rape.

(Adds R.S. 22:1056.1)