AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1054.1(A), relative to insurance coverage for cancer treatments; to prohibit denial of coverage in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1054.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1054.1. Requirement for coverage of cancer treatment targeting a specific genetic mutation

A. No health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall deny coverage for the treatment of metastatic or unresectable tumors or other advanced cancers with a medically necessary drug prescribed by a physician on the sole basis that the drug is not indicated for the specific tumor type or location in the body of the patient's cancer if the drug is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of the specific mutation of the patient's cancer in a different type of cancer. Insurers shall not consider the treatment experimental or outside of their policy scope if the United States Food and Drug Administration has approved the drug for the treatment of cancer with the specific genetic mutation, even if in a different tumor type. Such This coverage

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may be denied **only** if an alternative treatment has proven to be more effective in published randomized clinical trials and is not contraindicated in the patient.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________