

SENATE BILL NO. 146

BY SENATOR TALBOT

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §1054.1. Requirement for coverage of cancer treatment targeting a specific genetic
8 mutation

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

1 may be denied **only** if an alternative treatment has proven to be more effective in
2 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: _____