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HOUSE BILL NO. 361

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HEALTH/CANCER: Provides relative to colorectal screening

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1029(B), relative to colorectal cancer screening; to provide
3 for insurance coverage of routine colorectal cancer screening; to establish sources
4 of recommended testing and screening; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1029(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1029. Requirement for coverage of colorectal cancer screening

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9 B. As used in this Section, "routine colorectal cancer screening" ~~shall mean~~
10 means a fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy any test or
11 screening provided in accordance with the most recently published recommendations
12 established by ~~the American College of Gastroenterology, in consultation with the~~
13 American Cancer Society; or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network for the
14 ages, family histories, and frequencies referenced in such recommendations.
15 "Routine colorectal cancer screening" ~~shall~~ does not mean services otherwise
16 excluded from coverage because they are deemed by a health coverage plan to be
17 experimental or investigational.

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DIGEST

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HB 361 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires a health coverage plan to cover routine colorectal cancer testing recommended by certain groups of medical experts.

Present law requires any health coverage plan to cover routine colorectal cancer screening.

Present law defines "routine colorectal cancer screening" as a fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy recommended by the American College of Gastroenterology, in consultation with the American Cancer Society.

Proposed law removes reference to the American College of Gastroenterology and adds the National Comprehensive Cancer Network as an entity that may recommend covered tests.

Proposed law removes references to specific tests and authorizes any test or screening recommended by the named medical authorities.

(Amends R.S. 22:1029(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove reference to the American College of Gastroenterology as an entity that may recommend covered tests or screenings.