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HOUSE BILL 1014*

Short Title: Ins. Cover. for Mammograms/Pap Smears.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Barnes; Duncan, Colton, Weatherly, and Bowman.

Referred to: Commerce.

April 4, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE MAMMOGRAM AND PAP SMEAR COVERAGE IN HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICIES AND IN HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL SERVICES PLANS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 58-251.9. Coverage for mammograms and pap smears.

(a) Every policy or contract of accident or health insurance that is issued, renewed, or amended on or after January 1, 1990, and that provides coverage for malignancies shall provide coverage for mammograms and pap smears when performed at the direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine. The same deductibles, coinsurance, and other limitations as apply to other services covered under the policy or contract may apply to coverage for mammograms and pap smears.

(b) The provisions of this section shall apply to individual, family, group, blanket, franchise, and industrial policies or contracts."

Sec. 2. Chapter 57 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 57-7.4. Coverage for mammograms and pap smears.

(a) Every group insurance certificate or group subscriber contract under any hospital or medical plan governed by this Chapter that is issued, renewed, or amended on or after January 1, 1990, and that provides coverage for malignancies shall provide coverage for mammograms and pap smears when performed at the direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine. The same deductibles, coinsurance, and other

1 limitations as apply to other services covered under the policy or contract may apply to
2 coverage for mammograms and pap smears.

3 (b) The provisions of this section shall apply to individual, family, group,
4 blanket, franchise, and industrial certificates or contracts."

5 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.