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LEGISLATIVE BILL 79

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Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require coverage for renewals

2 of prescription eye drops as prescribed.

3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding section 44-3,131, any individual or
2 group sickness and accident insurance policy, certificate, or subscriber
3 contract delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state and any
4 hospital, medical, or surgical expense-incurred policy, except for short-
5 term major medical policies of six months or less duration and policies
6 that provide coverage for a specified disease or other limited-benefit
7 coverage, and any self-funded employee benefit plan to the extent not
8 preempted by federal law that provides coverage for prescription eye
9 drops shall include coverage for a renewal of prescription eye drops when
10 (a) the prescribing health care practitioner indicates on the original
11 prescription that renewals of the prescription are needed, (b) the
12 renewal requested by the insured does not exceed the number of renewals
13 authorized by the prescribing health care practitioner, and (c) the
14 renewal is requested by the insured within thirty days after the date the
15 original prescription was distributed to the insured or, if the insured
16 has already received a renewal, within thirty days after the date the
17 last renewal of such prescription was distributed to the insured.

18 (2) This section does not prevent application of deductible or
19 copayment provisions contained in the policy, certificate, contract, or
20 employee benefit plan or require that such coverage be extended to any
21 other procedures.