SENATE AMENDMENT 1, TO 1999 SENATE BILL 1

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1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows: **1.** Page 1, line 8: before "creating" insert "coverage of nontherapeutic 2 3 abortions,". **2.** Page 7, line 13: before that line insert: 4 5 "(ag) "Abortion" means the use of an instrument, medicine, drug or other 6 substance or device with intent to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be 7 pregnant or for whom there is reason to believe that she may be pregnant and with 8 intent other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or 9 health of the infant after live birth or to remove a dead fetus.". 10 **3.** Page 8, line 14: after that line insert: 11 "(g) "Nontherapeutic abortion" means an abortion that is not directly and 12 medically necessary to prevent the death of the woman.". **4.** Page 9, line 8: after that line insert: 13

1 "(bm) The health care coverage plan may not provide coverage of a 2 nontherapeutic abortion except by an optional rider or supplemental coverage 3 provision that is offered and provided on an individual basis and for which an 4 additional, separate premium or charge is paid by the individual to be covered under 5 the rider or supplemental coverage provision. Only funds attributable to premiums 6 or charges paid for coverage under the rider or supplemental coverage provision may 7 be used for the payment of any claim, and related administrative expenses, that 8 relates to a nontherapeutic abortion. Such funds may not be used for the payment 9 of any claim or administrative expenses that relate to any other type of coverage 10 provided by the insurer under the health care coverage plan. Nothing in this 11 paragraph requires an insurer to offer or provide coverage of an abortion under the 12 health care coverage plan.".

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