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Committee Bill No. 175

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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PATIENT LIFTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) Each individual health
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
5 continued in this state, shall provide coverage for the purchase or
6 rental of a patient lift that operates to lift an individual from a bed or a
7 wheelchair by hydraulic operation, provided such individual's treating
8 physician has certified, in writing, that the patient lift is medically
9 necessary.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) Each group health insurance
11 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
12 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
13 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state, shall
14 provide coverage for the purchase or rental of a patient lift that
15 operates to lift an individual from a bed or a wheelchair by hydraulic
16 operation, provided such individual's treating physician has certified,

17 in writing, that the patient lift is medically necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2016	New section
Sec. 2	January 1, 2016	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require health insurance coverage for the purchase or rental of a patient lift that operates to lift an individual from a bed or a wheelchair by hydraulic operation, provided such individual's treating physician has certified, in writing, that the patient lift is medically necessary.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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