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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**SB 15**

***AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires certain health insurance policies to cover new and used motorized wheelchairs, including repairs and replacement batteries. The bill applies to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; or (4) hospital or medical services, including those provided under an HMO plan. Because of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), state insurance benefit mandates such as the ones established in this bill do not apply to self-insured benefit plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/14/2019)