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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill expands the required insurance coverage of hearing aids for children under 18 years of age. The bill has a delayed effective date of August 1, 2008.

Section

- 1** **Hearing aids; persons 18 or younger.** Amends a law enacted in 2003, which requires health insurers (insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, etc.) to cover hearing aids for children under age 18, if the hearing loss is not correctable by other covered procedures. This bill would eliminate a restriction that the hearing loss must be caused by a "functional congenital malformation of the ears" in order to be required to be covered.
- 2** **Effective date; application.** Makes the bill effective August 1, 2008, and apply to coverage issued or renewed on or after that date.