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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1267

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1267, AS AMENDED,  
3 with reference to page and line numbers of House Amendment No.  
4 1 as follows:

5 on page 6, by replacing lines 1 through 10 with the following:

6 "(215 ILCS 5/356z.19 new)

7 Sec. 356z.19. Nutritional support and hydration.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that people who are  
9 physically unable to swallow, digest, or absorb food and fluids  
10 taken by mouth are at risk of malnutrition and dehydration.  
11 Without nutritional support and hydration, such individuals  
12 will become increasingly weakened. As their immune system  
13 functioning is reduced, they may die from infections before  
14 death can occur from malnutrition or dehydration.

15 (b) A group or individual policy of accident and health  
16 insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or

1 renewed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
2 97th General Assembly must provide coverage for intravenous  
3 feeding and for enteral or tube feeding. The benefits under  
4 this Section shall be at least as favorable as for other  
5 coverages under the policy and may be subject to the same  
6 dollar amount limits, deductibles, and co-insurance  
7 requirements applicable generally to other coverages under the  
8 policy.

9 (c) For the purpose of this Section, "enteral or tube  
10 feeding" means the process by which nutritional formulas are  
11 delivered via a tube into the digestive tract."