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**LEGISLATIVE BILL XXX**

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to provide requirements for coverage of alcohol or substance abuse medications.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. All insurers that deliver, issue, or renew any health insurance plan that provides coverage of prescription medications for the treatment of alcohol or substance abuse shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) Each insurer shall not impose any prior authorization requirements on any prescription medication approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of alcohol or substance abuse;

(b) Each insurer shall not impose any step therapy requirements before the insurer will authorize coverage for a prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of alcohol or substance abuse;

(c) Each insurer shall place all prescription medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of alcohol or substance abuse on the lowest tier of the drug formulary developed and maintained by the insurer; and

(d) Each insurer shall not exclude coverage for any prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of alcohol or substance abuse and any associated counseling or wraparound services on the grounds that such medications and services were court ordered.