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A BILL

1       FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require coverage of  
2                   colorectal cancer screenings as prescribed.  
3       Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding section 44-3,131, (a) any  
2 individual or group sickness and accident insurance policy or  
3 subscriber contract delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in  
4 this state and any hospital, medical, or surgical expense-incurred  
5 policy, except for policies that provide coverage for a specified  
6 disease or other limited-benefit coverage, and (b) any self-funded  
7 employee benefit plan to the extent not preempted by federal law  
8 shall include screening coverage for a colorectal cancer examination  
9 and laboratory tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic person fifty  
10 years of age and older covered under such policy, contract, or plan.  
11 Such screening coverage shall include a maximum of one screening  
12 fecal occult blood test annually and a flexible sigmoidoscopy every  
13 five years, a colonoscopy every ten years, or a barium enema every  
14 five to ten years, or any combination, or the most reliable,  
15 medically recognized screening test available. The screenings  
16 selected shall be as deemed appropriate by a health care provider and  
17 the patient.

18           (2) This section does not prevent application of deductible  
19 or copayment provisions contained in the policy, contract, or employee  
20 benefit plan or require that such coverage be extended to any other  
21 procedures.