

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 408-FN, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Suzanne Prentiss for the committee.

This bill requires health insurance plans to provide coverage for adult activity-specific prosthetic devices. The law currently requires such coverage for children's prosthetics. This bill represents an ongoing collaborative effort between the legislature, insurance carriers, and the Insurance Department to provide coverage of one activity-specific prosthetic device every five years for adults. This will have a positive impact on the mental and physical health of those who have experienced limb loss and presents the opportunity for a cost-benefit over time.