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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3181**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health insurance; mandating coverage for audiological rehabilitation
1.3 counseling; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[62Q.528] AUDIOLOGICAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING.**

1.6 A health plan must cover audiological rehabilitation counseling provided by an
1.7 audiologist to a person for hearing loss. Coverage required under this section includes up
1.8 to three hours of education per year for a person with hearing loss about communication
1.9 strategies, visual and tactile alerting devices, and nonprescription technology that could
1.10 mitigate the person's hearing loss. No special deductible, coinsurance, co-payment, or
1.11 other limitation on the coverage under this section that is not generally applicable to other
1.12 coverages under the health plan may be imposed.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2017, and applies to health
1.14 plans issued or renewed on or after that date.