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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **1964**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health insurance; requiring coverage of hearing aids for individuals 26
1.3 years of age or younger; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62Q.675.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62Q.675, is amended to read:

1.6 **62Q.675 HEARING AIDS; PERSONS 18 26 OR YOUNGER.**

1.7 A health plan must cover hearing aids for individuals 18 26 years of age or younger for
1.8 hearing loss that is not correctable by other covered procedures. Coverage required under
1.9 this section is limited to one hearing aid in each ear every three years, except that additional
1.10 hearing aids must be covered within the three-year period if a physician or audiologist
1.11 certifies that additional hearing aids are necessary due to a change in hearing. No special
1.12 deductible, coinsurance, co-payment, or other limitation on the coverage under this section
1.13 that is not generally applicable to other coverages under the plan may be imposed.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to a health
1.15 plan issued, offered, or renewed on or after that date.