HB 172 -- Health Insurance Coverage for Treatment of Infertility

Sponsor: Hodges

Beginning January 1, 2014, this bill requires a group health insurance policy that provides coverage for more than 25 employees and is delivered, continued, or renewed in Missouri to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility. The coverage provided for certain infertility treatments will be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The covered individual has been unable to become pregnant or to sustain a pregnancy through reasonable, less expensive, medically appropriate treatments;
- (2) The covered individual has not reached the limit of four completed egg retrievals or two following an egg retrieval resulting in a live birth; and
- (3) The procedures must be performed at a medical facility that conforms to the in vitro fertilization guidelines of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or to the minimum standards of the American Fertility Society for programs of in vitro fertilization.

Certain supplemental insurance policies are exempt from the provisions of the bill.