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H.P. 138

House of Representatives, January 28, 1993

An Act to Remove the Repeal Date from the Laws Governing Equitable Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CATHCART of Orono, DONNELLY of Presque Isle,
FITZPATRICK of Durham, GEAN of Alfred, HILLOCK of Gorham, HOGLUND of Portland,
HUSSEY of Milo, MORRISON of Bangor, NADEAU of Saco, PINEAU of Jay, RYDELL of
Brunswick, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, McCORMICK of Kennebec.

| | Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not |
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| 2 | become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted |
| | as emergencies; and |
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| | Whereas, Public Law 1991, chapter 881 contains a repeal |
| 6 | clause that will repeal the law "An Act to Provide Equitable |
| | Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness" on July 1, 1993; and |
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| | Whereas, repeal of the law will leave many citizens of the |
| 10 | State without health insurance coverage for mental illness; and |
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| 12 | Whereas, lack of health insurance coverage will decrease the |
| | availability of treatment for these citizens; and |
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| | Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts |
| 16 | create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of |
| | Maine and require the following legislation as immediately |
| 18 | necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and |
| | safety; now, therefore |
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| | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
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| ** | Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 881, §8 is repealed. |
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| | Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the |
| 26 | preamble, this Act takes effect when approved. |
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| | STATEMENT OF FACT |
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| | This bill repeals the repeal date on the laws governing |
| 32 | equitable insurance coverage for mental illness. |
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