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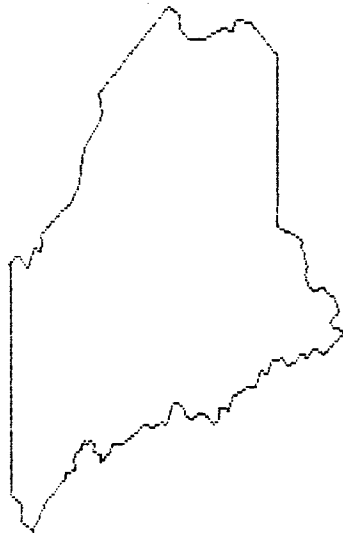


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BILL SUMMARY



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(INSURANCE. Health Insurance, continued)

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
775	AN ACT TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE HEALTH CARE FOR ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCY TREATMENT	ROLDE CONLEY MARTIN, J PERKINS, T	(ONTP-7) (OTPN(1714)-6) H/S:Acc.min.rpt.

SUMMARY: Requires coverage in all group and individual health care contracts and policies for treatment of alcoholism and drug dependency. Provides benefits for hospitalization, detoxification, partial hospitalization and outpatient treatment on the same basis as coverage for other illnesses; provides for parity in reimbursement, confidentiality of records, and an advisory group to monitor operation of the provision.

843	AN ACT TO EXTEND CONSUMERS FREEDOM OF CHOICE REGARDING INSURED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	CLARK, N	LV/WD (See 955)
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SUMMARY: Requires that where a health care policy or contract provides for coverage of mental health services, it must allow for those services to be provided by a certified social worker or psychiatric nurse.

955	AN ACT TO EXTEND CONSUMERS FREEDOM OF CHOICE REGARDING INSURED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	ROLDE CLARK, N PINES CONARY	(OTPA) PL 1983, c.546
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SUMMARY: Requires, that where a health care policy or contract provides for coverage of mental health services, it must allow for those services to be provided by a certified social worker or psychiatric nurse.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-190): Clarifies effective date language and provides a 4-year sunset. (ADOPTED)

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-96): Technical correction. (Danton, for committee on Bills in Second Reading) (ADOPTED)

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-112): Adds fiscal note. (Clark, N) (ADOPTED)

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" (S-233): Adds appropriations.(Najarian)(ADOPTED)

1023	AN ACT TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE MENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE	CLARK, N GILL JOSEPH	(ONTP-7) (OTPN(1718)-6) H/S:Acc.min.rpt.
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SUMMARY: Requires coverage of mental health services in all group and individual health care policies and contracts; specific minimum limits for specific services; peer review mechanism; reimbursement rates set for outpatient providers; possible requirement of extended coverage.