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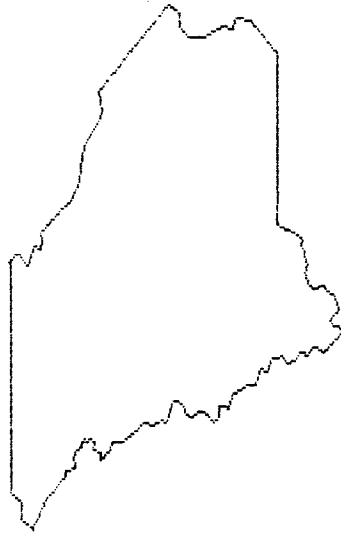


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(INSURANCE, Health Insurance, continued)

LD	TITLE	SPONSOR	DISPOSITION
1226	AN ACT RELATING TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	MICHAEL	(LV/WD)

SUMMARY: Allows any group of 50 persons with substantially similar characteristics could form a group for purposes of health insurance. Omits reference to Title 24, governing Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

1714	AN ACT TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE HEALTH CARE FOR ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCY TREATMENT	(ROLDE CONLEY MARTIN, J PERKINS, T) ND of 775	PL 1983, c.527
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SUMMARY: Allows insurers to set limits of coverage, as long as certain services are covered; removes individual coverage requirement; removes advisory group; requires reporting of experience to superintendent. Adds fiscal note and 4-year sunset.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-358): Exempts employee groups where employer has 20 or fewer employees under the contract. (Gwadosky)(ADOPTED)

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-253): Funds State share of increased premiums from this measure through use of the trust account of the Alcoholism Prevention, Education, Treatment & Research Fund. (Najarian)(ADOPTED)

1718	AN ACT TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE MENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE	(CLARK, N GILL JOSEPH) ND of 1023	PL 1983, c.515
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SUMMARY: Allows insurers to set limits of coverage, as long as certain services are covered; removes individual coverage; requires reporting of experience to the superintendent. Adds fiscal note and sunset.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-342): Removes specific reference to psychiatrists; physicians are not licensed by specialty in Maine. (Pines)(ADOPTED)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-350): Reincludes required coverage of individuals. (Racine)(Not adopted)

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-170): Exempts employee groups where employer has 20 or fewer employees under the contract. (G. Diamond)(ADOPTED)

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-254): Adds appropriations. (Najarian)(ADOPTED)