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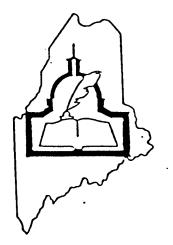
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BILL SUMMARY



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INSURANCE-Life & Health: Enacted

2292	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE	(DFA Bill)	(OTP-ND)	PL 1983, c. 692
	ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS FOR	(Dow		
	ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS OR	Hickey		
	HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM	Perkins, A)		
	FOR STATE EMPLOYEES	ND of 2151		

- SUMMARY: Like the original bill clarifies the status of disability retirees regarding health coverage. In addition, the new draft repeals and replaces the entire subsection in order to clarify a run-on sentence. In the process, other errors and corrections are made.
- 2395 AN ACT TO AMEND THE INVEST- (Clark, N) (OTP-ND) PL 1983, c. 759 MENT PROVISIONS AND CERTAIN ND of 2192 RELATED SECTIONS OF THE MAINE INSURANCE CODE
- SUMMARY: Makes only 3 changes in the investment law: (1) allows investment in a business partnership; (2) allows establishment of an investment affiliate to be wholly owned by an insurer and its insurance company affiliates; (3) increases the "basket" investment limit for life insurers from 5% to 10% of assets, as is already allowed to nonlife insurers.
- 2442 AN ACT CLARIFYING THE (Rolde) (Min. PL 1983, c.805 EXTENSION OF CONSUMERS' ND/NT of 2298 Report) FREEDOM OF CHOICE REGARDING **INSURED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**
- SUMMARY: Like the original bill, creates a new category of social worker license, the clinical social worker, and specifically provides in the BC/BS and insurance laws for reimbursement of these social workers on the basis of their licensure to diagnose medical necessity, except in cases of organic mental illness. The new draft limits the ability to diagnose to the top 2 license levels, and this minority version further requires that a physician examine the person at some point in the diagnosis process.
- SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-395): Allows the physician involvement requirement to be considered satisfied if the patient has been seen by a physician within 3 months of seeking mental health treatment, the social worker consults with the physician by telephone and the visit or consultation is documented in the person's clinical records.(Clark, N)(Adopted)