

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 387

S. P. 153

In Senate, January 30, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Preventing Discrimination in Reimbursement or Payment under
Insurance Policies.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 24-A, § 429, additional. Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by adding a new section 429 to read as follows:

§ 429. Discrimination

All insurance policies or certificates, nonprofit medical service plans or other plans or arrangements made available to the public or any groups by any person, firm or corporation governed by Title 24 and Title 24-A shall provide for reimbursement or payment for any health services which may be legally performed by any person licensed under Title 32, acting within the scope of their licensure. Reimbursement or payment under said insurance policies or certificates, nonprofit medical service plans or other plans or arrangements shall not be denied because of occupation, race, color or creed nor shall any of the above referred to insurers make or permit any discrimination against any person or class of persons or persons to whom reimbursement or payment would be otherwise due and payable.

This section shall apply to present and future insurance policies or certificates, nonprofit medical service plans or other plans or arrangements which have been or shall be written, amended, ratified or issued for delivery in Maine.

The penalty for any violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be revocation of the certificate of authority of the company, person or asso-

ciation so offending and no authority shall be issued to such company, person or association within 6 months from the date of such revocation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill prohibits discrimination in insurance of any type.