

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

---

---

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

---

---

Legislative Document

No. 1099

---

---

S. P. 373

In Senate, February 28, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

---

---

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

---

**AN ACT** Relating to Maternity Benefits for Unmarried Health Insurance Policyholders and Minor Dependents of Health Insurance Policyholders.

---

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 24-A, §§ 2741 and 2742, 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 2 new sections to read as follows:

§ 2741. Maternity benefits for unmarried policyholders and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage required.

All health insurance policies, contracts, agreements and plans shall provide the same maternity benefits for unmarried policyholders, and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage, as is provided married policyholders with maternity coverage and the wives of policyholders with maternity coverage. This requirement shall apply to all insurance written or renewed after the effective date of this Act, and shall include, but not be limited to, all types and forms of group insurance issued by individual companies or corporations as well as by any hospital service plan or nonprofit medical service plan.

§ 2742. Optional coverage of children required

All insurance issued under section 2741 shall provide unmarried women policyholders with the option of coverage, from the date of birth, of their children. This optional coverage shall be the same as provided the children of a married policyholder with family or dependent.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 24-A, §§ 2832 and 2833, 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 2 new sections to read as follows:

§ 2832. Maternity benefits for unmarried policyholders and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage required

All group or blanket health insurance policies, contracts, agreements and plans shall provide the same maternity benefits for unmarried policyholders, and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage, as is provided married policyholders with maternity coverage and the wives of policyholders with maternity coverage. This requirement shall apply to all group or blanket insurance written or renewed after the effective date of this Act, and shall include, but not be limited to, all types and forms of group insurance issued by individual companies or corporations as well as by any hospital service plan or nonprofit medical service plan.

§ 2833. Optional coverage of children required

All insurance issued under section 2832 shall provide unmarried women policyholders with the option of coverage, from the date of birth, of their children. This optional coverage shall be the same as provided the children of a married policyholder with family or dependent.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

To avoid the discrimination between married and unmarried females in all health insurance policies in the State of Maine; said bill would provide that such health insurance policies would provide maternity benefits for unmarried policyholders and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage and that such insurance have optional coverage from the date of birth for the children of unmarried women policyholders.