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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 121, L.D. 407, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Maternity Benefits for Unmarried Women Health Insurance Policyholders and Minor Dependents of Health Insurance Policyholders."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2318 is enacted to read:

§ 2318. Contracts issued to unmarried subscriber members and their minor dependents

All individual or group contracts issued by any nonprofit hospital or medical service organization operating pursuant to this chapter shall provide to unmarried subscribers or members and minor dependents of such subscribers or members the same minimum maternity benefits and the same option for additional maternity benefits, at appropriate rates and under the same terms and conditions as such benefits or options for benefits are provided to married subscribers or members. This requirement shall apply to all individual or group contracts issued or renewed after the effective date of this Act.

All individual or group contracts issued in accordance with the requirements of this section shall provide unmarried subscribers with the same benefits or option of benefits for dependent children as is extended to dependent children of married subscribers, at appropriate rates and under the same terms and conditions.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "§2741." and inserting in place thereof the following:

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

All health insurance policies and plans shall

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provide, at appropriate rates, the same maternity benefits for unmarried women policyholders and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage under the same terms and conditions as such maternity coverage is provided to married policyholders or the wives of policyholders with maternity coverage. This requirement shall apply to all insurance policies and plans issued or renewed after the effective date of this Act.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "§2742." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§2742. Optional coverage of children required

All insurance policies or plans issued in accordance with the requirements of section 2741 shall provide unmarried women policyholders with the coverage or option of coverage for dependent children, under the same terms and conditions and at appropriate rates, as is extended to married policyholders with dependents.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "§2832" and inserting in place thereof the following:

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

All group or blanket health insurance policies and plans shall provide the same maternity benefits for unmarried women 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.'

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Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "§2833." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§2833. Optional coverage of children required

All group or blanket health insurance plans issued in accordance with the requirements of 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.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Sec. 4.

/ Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1976.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the language of the bill and changes the effective date of the Act to January 1, 1976.

NAME:

(Clifford)

COUNTY: Androscoggin.

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