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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A "to H.P.846, L.D.1033,
Bill, "AN ACT to Prevent Unfair Discrimination
Against Blind Persons Seeking Insurance Coverage."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything
after the enacting clause and inserting in place
thereof the following:

'24-A MRSA §2159-A is enacted to read:

§2159-A. Insurance discrimination solely on
account of blindness prohibited

No insurance company authorized to transact
business in this State shall cancel, reduce liabil-
ity limits of, increase the premiums of or refuse
to issue or to renew an insurance policy of any
kind that such company sells for the sole reason
that the insured or the applicant for insurance
is blind as defined in Title 22, section 3505,
subsection 1. Nothing in this section shall be
deemed to prohibit any such insurer from charging
an additional premium or refusing to issue such
insurance if the general health of such person,
including, where applicable, the cause of blindness
or other material factor in the issuance of
insurance warrants such additional premium or
refusal to issue. Any such insurer may exclude
from policies covering persons who are blind the
payment of benefits arising from losses that
result directly from the fact that such person is
blind.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to prohibit
discrimination in connection with insurance based
solely upon the fact that the insured or the
applicant for insurance is blind.

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