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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1023, L.D. 1302, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Freedom of Subscribers to Hospital,
Medical Service or Health Care Plans to Choose a Psychologist
to Provide Mental Health Services."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "§2303." in
subsection 2 by striking out all of the first underlined
sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Notwithstanding any provision of a contract between a sub-
scriber and a nonprofit hospital or medical service
organization entered into pursuant to a hospital service plan,
medical service plan or health care plan authorized under this
chapter, and notwithstanding any other provision of this
chapter, whenever the contract provides for payment or
reimbursement for mental health services, payment or
reimbursement for the provision of these services shall not
be denied because the services are provided by a licensed
psychologist who is trained and received a doctorate in
psychology specializing in the evaluation and treatment of
human behavior, acting within the scope of his or her license.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§2303."
by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in place
thereof the following:

'3. Nothing in subsection 2 shall be construed to require
a nonprofit hospital or medical service organization to provide
contract coverage for mental health services.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to restrict the handling of mental health clients to only psychologists who are qualified by experience and training.

Filed by Mrs. Clark of Freeport.

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