

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1303

H. P. 1024

House of Representatives, March 20, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Clark of Freeport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to the Freedom of Individual Health Insurance  
Policyholders to Choose a Psychologist to Provide Mental Health Services.

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

24-A MRSA § 2741 is enacted to read:

§ 2741. Mental health services

1. Notwithstanding any provision of a health insurance policy subject to this chapter, whenever the policy provides for payment or reimbursement for services which are within the lawful scope of practice of a psychologist licensed to practice in this State, any person covered by the policy shall be entitled to reimbursement for these services if the services are performed by a physician or psychologist licensed to practice in this State. This section shall apply to all health insurance policies, contracts or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended or reissued on or after July 1, 1975.

2. Nothing in subsection 1 shall be construed to require a health insurance policy subject to this chapter to provide for reimbursement of services which are within the lawful scope of practice of a psychologist licensed to practice in this State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit freedom of individual health insurance policyholders to choose a psychologist to provide mental health services.