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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 1698, L.D. 1932, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide Maine No-fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Reform."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "§2959." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'1. Social Security, workmen's compensation, health care. All benefits or advantages a person receives or is entitled to receive because of the injury from group or individual health insurance policies or contracts with nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, Social Security, medicare, medicaid, any health care program administered by the Department of Health and Welfare, the Veteran's Health and Welfare, the Veteran's Administration or any other health care program under any state or federal statute, or pursuant to Workmen's Compensation or any similar law, shall be subtracted in calculating net loss under this chapter.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 2, 3 and 4 and renumbering sections of the bill to read consecutively.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require the elimination of duplicate health care coverage under no-fault auto coverage. This amendment would include benefits received from health insurance and Blue Cross with other 3rd party payment systems already covered in the bill as subtractable benefits. Under this amendment, the auto insurer would not pay medical costs which had already been paid by health insurers or Blue Cross. If the auto insurer does

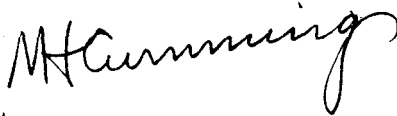
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not have to pay out benefits for services already paid for, the cost of the insurance should be reduced. Secondly, this amendment eliminates the provision relating to "coordination of benefits" because the provision is illusory in effectiveness since the insurer can circumvent this provision by submitting a plan which is unapprovable by the Superintendent of Insurance.

(Mrs. Cummings)
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