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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 96

S. P. 47 In Senate, January 18, 1977 Referred to Committee on Human Resources. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Mr. Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning Insurance Coverage for Deaf and Mentally Retarded Persons.

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

24-A MRSA § 2159-A, last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 675, is further amended to read:

Any such insurer may not exclude from policies covering persons who are blind, deaf or mentally retarded the payment of benefits arising from losses that would not have occurred except for the fact that such person is blind, deaf or mentally retarded.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits insurers from excluding from policies covering deaf and mentally retarded persons the payment of benefits arising from losses that result directly from the person's deafness or mental retardation.