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(After Deadline) SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2123

S. P. 689

In Senate, January 30, 1978

The Committee on Business Legislation suggested. Approved by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 25

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Concerning the Number of Persons Required to be Covered by an Existing Group Health Insurance Policy for its Renewal or Replacement.

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

24-A MRSA § 2806, sub-§ 3, as amended by PL 1969, c. 177, § 51 is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The requirement that the policy cover at date of issue at least 100 persons or at least 25 persons in the case of credit union employees or associations of insurance agents, shall not apply if the policy is issued as a renewal or replacement for an existing policy previously issued by the same insurer or any other insurer.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow a trustee group to renew existing group health insurance coverage with the same insurer or seek replacement coverage in the competitive market even though the number of persons to be covered by the policy has declined to less than the number which would be required to obtain an original policy for the group.