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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

RESOLVE, To Establish a Commission to Study the Continuation of Coverage under Certain Group Health Insurance Policies.

Commission to study the continuation of coverage under Certain Group Health Insurance Policies.

RESOLVED: That there is established a commission to study and, if appropriate, to recommend proposed legislation dealing with the problems arising from the termination of coverage under some group health insurance policies. Without limiting the scope of the foregoing, the commission shall study the conversion of group to individual coverage, the extension of group coverage for costs incurred subsequent to termination, the conditions of termination of group coverage and notice to group members and the treatment of maternity claims upon termination of group coverage. The commission shall be composed of the Commissioner of Business Regulation, the Superintendent of the Bureau of Insurance and 3 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation to be appointed by the chairpersons of that committee. The commission may hold public hearings and work sessions, consult with experts and other interested parties, utilize the assistance and services of the Office of

Legislative Assistants and executive employees and do such other things as are necessary to carry out its duties.

The commission shall report its findings and any proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation no later than December 1, 1978.

STATEMENT OF FACT

During the public hearing on L. D. 1921, "AN ACT to Assure Continued Insurance Coverage for all Claims Incurred on Certain Group Health Insurance Policies," it became evident that further study of this complex subject is required before the committee can act intelligently upon any proposed legislation. The purpose of this resolve is to establish a temporary commission composed of the Commissioner of Business Regulation, the Superintendent of Insurance and 3 members of the committee to study this subject and to report its findings and any proposed legislation to the committee before the next session.