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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 328

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7 H.P. 268

House of Representatives, January 31, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Labor, sent up for concurrence and
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Beaulieu of Portland.

Cosponsor: Representative Theriault of Fort Kent.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to End Discrimination Against
18 Chiropractic Services under the Workers'
19 Compensation Law.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 39 MRSA §52, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c.
24 612, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its
25 place:

26 Any employee sustaining a personal injury arising
27 out of and in the course of his employment, provided
28 the injury relates to the scope of a chiropractor's
29 practice, as defined and regulated by statute, shall
30 be entitled to chiropractic services as provided by
31 Title 32, chapter 9. A duly licensed chiropractor
32 shall be considered competent to testify before the
33 Workers' Compensation Commission.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Currently, the workers' compensation statute dis-
3 criminates against chiropractic patients in that it
4 does not offer coverage for some of the treatment
5 that a chiropractor is legally licensed to provide.
6 Chiropractic care is a conservative form of health
7 care which does not utilize drugs or surgery.
8 Patients that are discouraged from seeking chiroprac-
9 tic care incur higher health care costs. This bill
10 is designed to allow coverage for all treatment that
11 a chiropractor is licensed to provide.

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