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L.D. 955

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
111TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " **A** " to H.P. 743,
L.D. 955, Bill, "AN ACT to Extend Consumers Freedom
of Choice Regarding Insured Mental Health Services."

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 2, lines 36 to 39 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'This With respect to services provided by psychologists, this subsection shall apply applies to all contracts between the subscriber and a nonprofit hospital or medical service organization entered into or renewed after January 1, 1976. With respect to services provided by social workers and nurses, this subsection applies to all contracts between the subscriber and a nonprofit hospital or medical service organization entered into or renewed after January 1, 1984, and before January 1, 1988.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§2744." subsection 1 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 3, lines 24 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'This With respect to services provided by physicians or psychologists, this section shall apply applies to all health insurance policies, contracts or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended or reissued on or after July 1, 1975. With respect to services provided by social workers and nurses, this section applies to all health insurance policies, contracts or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended or reissued on or after January 1, 1984, and before January 1, 1988.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "§2835." in subsection 1 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 4, lines 22 to 26 in

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1 L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'This
2 With respect to services provided by physicians or
3 psychologists, this section shall apply applies to
4 all health insurance policies, contracts or certifi-
5 icates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended or
6 reissued on or after April 16, 1976. With respect to
7 services provided by social workers and nurses, this
8 section applies to all health insurance policies,
9 contracts or certificates issued, renewed, modified,
10 altered, amended or reissued on or after January 1,
11 1984, and before January 1, 1988.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This amendment provides a sunset on the require-
14 ment of the bill that insurance policies provide a
15 broader choice of mental health services' providers.
16 This will enable a review of this provision to evalu-
17 ate experience in Maine over a short period.

18 The amendment also clarifies that the current
19 law's provisions regarding coverage of psychologists'
20 services is not abrogated in the period between the
21 effective date of this measure and January 1, 1984.

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