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

No. 534

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7 S.P. 200

In Senate, February 13, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Business and Commerce suggested and
9 ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President Pray of Penobscot.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Bustin of Kennebec, Representative Higgins of
Scarborough and Representative Diamond of Bangor.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Provide Free Choice Under Hospital
18 Service, Medical Service and Health
19 Care Plans and Group and Blanket
20 Insurance Policies by Including within
21 the Coverage of Such Plans and
22 Policies Coverage for Chiropractic
23 Services.
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25 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
26 follows:

27 Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2303-B, as amended by PL 1981,
28 c. 282, §1, is repealed.

29 Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2303-C is enacted to read:

30 §2303-C. Services to be covered by hospital and med-
31 ical service plans and health care plans
32 whether performed by physician or chiro-
33 practor

1 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
2 chapter, any hospital service plan, medical service
3 plan or health care plan authorized by this chapter
4 and any contract authorized by any such plan shall
5 expressly provide or shall be deemed to provide, at
6 no extra cost, for reimbursement and indemnity for
7 any services provided by duly licensed chiropractors
8 within the lawful scope of their practice, including,
9 but not limited to, services for which the plan or
10 contract would provide reimbursement or indemnity if
11 performed by a duly licensed physician or any other
12 person for whose services the plan or contract pro-
13 vides reimbursement or indemnity.

14 Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2840, as amended by PL 1981,
15 c. 282, §2, is repealed.

16 Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2840-A is enacted to read:

17 §2840-A. Services to be covered by group or blanket
18 health insurance policies whether performed
19 by physician or chiropractor

20 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
21 chapter, any group or blanket insurance policies sub-
22 ject to this chapter shall expressly provide or shall
23 be deemed to provide, at no extra cost, for reim-
24 bursement and indemnity for any services provided by
25 duly licensed chiropractors within the lawful scope
26 of their practice, including, but not limited to,
27 services for which the plan or contract would provide
28 reimbursement or indemnity if performed by a duly li-
29 icensed physician or any other person for whose ser-
30 vices the policies provide reimbursement or indemni-
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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to provide the people of the State of Maine freedom of choice in regard to health care covered by Blue Cross, Blue Shield or similar programs and in regard to health care coverage by group or blanket health insurance by requiring chiropractic services to be covered by any such plans or policies when the contract provides for services of physicians and other health care providers as covered by those policies.

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