

1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 601
7 8 9	H.P. 421 House of Representatives, February 19, 1985 Reference to the Committee on Business and Commerce suggested and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
10	Presented by Representative Racine of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Representative Stevens of Bangor, Senator Usher of Cumberland and Representative Armstrong of Wilton.
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14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
17 18 19 20	AN ACT to Contain Health Care Costs by Providing for a Study of Mandated Benefits.
21 22	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
23	24 MRSA §2332 is enacted to read:
24	§2332. Mandated benefits
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	1. Findings. The Legislature notes the increas- ing number of proposals for the mandating of various types of health coverages or the mandating of cover- age provided by various types of health care providers. While the Legislature finds that access to expanded health care coverage may be in the public interest, the Legislature also finds that mandating additional coverage may add significantly to the cost of health care in this State. Increased costs may cause subscribers to drop coverage with would have an adverse impact on the State and the individual sub- scriber.

1 2. Study period. No further legislation may be passed which mandates that group or individual health 2 3 care contracts, providing coverage to residents of 4 this State, provide expanded benefits or provide expanded coverage for various types of providers. The 5 study period shall expire on January 1, 1988, and 6 7 mandated benefits may be passed after that date, provided that it complies with the guidelines estab-8 9 lished pursuant to subsection 3.

10 3. Study. The joint standing committee of the 11 Legislature having jurisdiction over business and commerce shall study the subject of mandated bene-fits, including all legislation presented to it dur-12 13 ing the 112th Legislature. In its study the commit-14 tee shall consider the social and financial impact of 15 mandating health care coverage and shall recommend 16 guidelines for assessing the impact of future mandated benefit proposals. The committee shall re-17 18 19 port to the Legislature by January 1, 1987.

STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill establishes a study of new mandated 22 benefits. During the period of the study, the joint 23 standing committee of the Legislature having juris-24 diction over business and commerce shall review the 25 impact of mandated benefits proposals and recommend 26 guidelines for assessing new proposals.

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