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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. 752

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7 H.P. 532

House of Representatives, February 27, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Manning of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator Gill of Cumberland, Representative Paradis of
11 Augusta and Senator Webster of Franklin.

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 Assure the Public Freedom of Choice
18 of Practitioner in Obtaining Dental
19 Services.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 26 MRSA §635 is enacted to read:

24 §635. Alternate dental plans

25 Any employer, union or other organization which
26 contributes to a health insurance contract, includ-
27 ing, without limitation, a contract with a health
28 maintenance organization, preferred provider organi-
29 zation or employer benefit plan which restricts the
30 covered persons in selecting the providers of dental
31 services to a single provider or limited number of
32 providers, shall also offer its employees and their
33 eligible dependents and members and members' eligible
34 dependents, at the time a dental benefits plan is of-
35 fered or renewed, the option of selecting alternative

1 coverage which permits covered persons to obtain den-
2 tal services from any licensed dentist of their
3 choice.

4 In providing the alternative coverage, the em-
5 ployer or other entity shall pay for such dental ben-
6 efits to the same extent as provided in any other
7 plan.

8 No employer or other organization may be required
9 to pay for or contribute toward the provision of al-
10 ternative coverage an amount greater than the premium
11 or cost which it pays or contributes to the health
12 insurance contract which limits the number of
13 providers of dental services.

14 The commissioner shall promulgate such rules as
15 are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this sec-
16 tion, including procedures for notice to covered per-
17 sons, employers and other organizations of the provi-
18 sions of this section.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 The purpose of this bill is to assure the public
21 of the State the right to have dental services per-
22 formed by the dentist of their choice without any fi-
23 nancial constraint made by a 3rd party.

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