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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1230, L.D. 1715, Bill, "An Act to Exempt Group Medicare Supplement Contracts from the Mandated Benefits for Substance Abuse and Mental Illness"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

**'An Act to Exempt Contracts Supplementing the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services from the Mandated Benefits for Substance Abuse and Mental Illness'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2325-A, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 515, §4, is amended to read:**

**5-A. Exceptions.** This section shall not apply to employee group insurance contracts issued to employers with 20 or fewer employees insured under the group contract or to group contracts designed primarily to supplement the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, as defined in the United States Code, Title 10, Section 1072, subsection 4.

**Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2329, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 527, §1, is amended to read:**

**5. Exceptions.** This section shall not apply to employee group insurance contracts issued to employers with 20 or fewer employees insured under the group contract or to group contracts designed primarily to supplement the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, as defined in the United States Code, Title 10, Section 1072, subsection 4.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2842, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 527, §2, is amended to read:**

1           5. Exceptions. This section shall not apply to employee  
3 group insurance policies issued to employers with 20 or fewer  
employees insured under the group policy or to group policies  
5 designed primarily to supplement the Civilian Health and Medical  
Program of the Uniformed Services, as described in Title 10 of  
the United States Code, Title 10, Section 1072, subsection 4.

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9           Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2843, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL 1983, c.  
515, §6, is amended to read:

11           5-A. Exceptions. This section shall not apply to employee  
13 group insurance policies issued to employers with 20 or fewer  
employees insured under the group policy or to group policies  
15 designed primarily to supplement the Civilian Health and Medical  
Program of the Uniformed Services, as described in the United  
States Code, Title 10, Section 1072, subsection 4.'

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

23           The amendment removes language of the bill which would have  
25 exempted group Medicare supplement policies from the mandated  
benefits for substance abuse and mental illness, but adds  
27 language exempting group policies supplementing health programs  
for the retired and active military, known as the Civilian Health  
and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, CHAMPUS. Military  
29 personnel are generally able to obtain substance abuse and mental  
illness treatment at Veterans' Administration hospitals.

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