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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1641, L.D. 2274, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Continuity of Health Insurance Coverage"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 10. Application.** The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24, section 2349 and Title 24-A, section 2849-B, apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this State on or after April 1, 1991, and to all policies, contracts and certificates in force on April 1, 1991. All policies, contracts and certificates in force on April 1, 1991, must provide coverage effective April 1, 1991, to individuals who were previously denied coverage, but who would have received coverage had Title 24, section 2349 and Title 24-A, section 2849-B been in effect on the date the individuals became eligible to enroll in the plan. Title 24, section 2350 and Title 24-A, section 2850 apply to all policies and contracts executed, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this State on or after December 1, 1990. All other provisions of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this State on or after October 1, 1990. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.'

Further amend the amendment in section 11 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 13, lines 39 to 41 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'5. The task force shall submit any recommendations for legislation to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature and to the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by December 1, 1991.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment provides:

1. That the provisions of the committee amendment dealing with continuity of coverage for individuals who change groups will not take effect until April 1, 1991, but will then apply to all contracts in force at that time and to any individuals previously denied coverage, but who would have received coverage if the committee amendment had been in effect when the individuals became eligible to enroll in the plan;

2. That the provisions of the committee amendment limiting exclusions and waiting periods for individual policies will not take effect until December 1, 1990; and

3. That the health insurance continuity task force provided for in the committee amendment will report any recommendations for legislation to the Legislature by December 1, 1990.

(Senator THERIAULT)  
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