

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 516

H.P. 362

House of Representatives, February 11, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

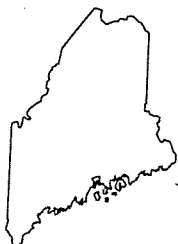
Presented by Representative HALE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representative TOWNSEND of Eastport, Representative GEAN of Alfred and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Include Smokers in Rehabilitation Treatment Insurance Coverage.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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3. Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2329, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 527,
4 §1, is amended to read:

6 3. Requirement. Every nonprofit hospital or medical
7 service organization which issues group health care contracts
8 providing coverage for hospital care to residents of this State
9 shall provide benefits as required in this section to any
10 subscriber or other person covered under those contracts for the
11 treatment of alcoholism and other drug dependency, including
12 dependency on smoking tobacco, pursuant to a treatment plan.

14 Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2842, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
15 527, §2, is amended to read:

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17 3. Requirement. Every insurer which issues group health
18 care contracts providing coverage for hospital care to residents
19 of this State shall provide benefits as required in this section
20 to any subscriber or other person covered under those contracts
21 for the treatment of alcoholism and other drug dependency,
22 including dependency on smoking tobacco, pursuant to a treatment
23 plan.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill includes treatment for smokers in the health
29 insurance provisions on treatment for alcoholism and drug
30 dependency.

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