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115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 957, L.D. 2425, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Financial Solvency of Insurers through Accreditation"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the 7th indented paragraph after the title the following:

'Further amend the bill by inserting after section 23 the following:

'Sec. 24. 24-A MRSA §2808-A, sub-§§1 and 2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 696, is further amended to read:

1. Groups with fewer than 25 members. Except as provided in subsection 3, no insurer may charge group health insurance premium rates for groups with fewer than 25 insured members, excluding dependents, that vary based on the claims experience of the group under the policy or based on the duration of the policy.

2. Subgroups; rate differentiation. Except as provided in subsection 3, no insurer may charge group health insurance premium rates on a basis that discriminates between different subgroups of a group according to the claims experience of the subgroup under the policy or based on the duration of the policy. The term "subgroup," as used in this section, refers to an employer with fewer than 25 insured employees within a multiple employer trust, or to any similar subdivision of a larger group covered by a single group health insurance policy or contract.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting at the end before the fiscal note the following:

'Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that the tier rating provisions applicable to group health insurance for groups with fewer than 25 members and to subgroups do not apply to new policies. It extends the rating prohibitions to duration of coverage under the policy.

(Senator KANY)  
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