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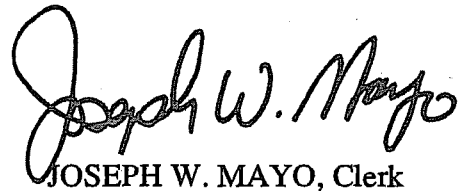
No. 224

H.P. 172

House of Representatives, February 1, 1993

An Act to Require Health Insurance to Pay for Weight-loss Programs.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COFFMAN of Old Town. (By Request)

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

4 Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2320-C is enacted to read:

6 **§2320-C. Weight-loss programs**

8 Individual and group nonprofit medical services plan
10 contracts and nonprofit health care plan contracts must provide
12 coverage for weight-loss programs prescribed by a physician or
14 surgeon licensed to practice in this State.

16 Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §§2745-C and 2837-C are enacted to read:

18 **§2745-C. Weight-loss programs**

20 Individual insurance policies, except those policies that
22 cover only dental procedures, accidental injury or specific
24 diseases, must provide coverage for weight-loss programs
26 prescribed by a physician or surgeon licensed to practice in this
28 State.

30 **§2837-C. Weight-loss programs**

32 Group insurance policies, except those policies that cover
34 only dental procedures, accidental injury or specific diseases,
36 must provide coverage for weight-loss programs prescribed by a
physician or surgeon licensed to practice in this State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires health insurance policies to pay for weight-loss programs prescribed by a licensed physician or surgeon.