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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 525, L.D. 1548, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health Insurance and Health Care Services"

Amend the bill by striking out all of Part B.

Further amend the bill in Part E in section 5 in that part designated "§2332-E." in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 13, line 47 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physician" the following: 'or chiropractor'

Further amend the bill in Part E in section 7 in that part designated "§2985." in the first paragraph in the first line (page 14, line 43 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physicians" the following: 'and chiropractors'

Further amend the bill in Part E in section 8 in that part designated "§1912." in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 15, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physician" the following: 'or chiropractor'

Further amend the bill in Part E in section 9 in that part designated "§2680." in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 15, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physician" the following: 'or chiropractor'

Further amend the bill in Part E in section 10 in that part designated "§2753." in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 15, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physician" the following: 'or chiropractor'

Further amend the bill in Part E in section 11 in that part designated "§2823-B." in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 15, line 49 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physician" the following: 'or chiropractor'

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2 Further amend the bill in Part E in section 12 in that part
designated "§4235." in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page
4 16, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
"physician" the following: 'or chiropractor'

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8 Further amend the bill in Part G by striking out all of
section 2.

10 Further amend the bill by inserting after Part G the
following:

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14 **PART H**

16 **Sec. H-1. PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. R, §4 is amended to read:**

18 **Sec. R-4. Effective date; transition provisions.** Sections 1 to 3 of
this Part take effect January 1, 1997, except that no new
20 policies of insurance may be issued providing coverage by the
Maine High-Risk Insurance Organization on or after the effective
22 date of this Act. During the period prior to July 1, 1997, the
board of directors and the administrator of the organization
24 shall continue to exercise those powers and responsibilities
necessary to the operation of the Maine High-Risk Insurance
Organization with respect to policies issued prior to the
26 effective date of this Act and necessary to concluding the
affairs of the organization. Coverage under all policies issued
28 by the organization terminates as of January 1, 1995, except
that, if at any time after December 1, 1993 an actuarial review
30 indicates that the organization's remaining funds may be
insufficient to provide continuing coverage to all remaining
32 policies in force until January 1, 1995, the board may cancel
these policies on 30 days' notice. Any funds remaining when the
34 affairs of the organization are concluded revert to the General
Fund.'

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38 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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42 Further amend the bill by striking out all of the fiscal
note and inserting in its place the following:

44 **FISCAL NOTE**

46 The Maine High-Risk Insurance Organization may incur some
additional General Fund costs as a result of prohibiting the
48 termination of the organization prior to December 1, 1993, even
if an actuarial review indicates that the organization's
50 remaining funds may be insufficient to provide continuing
coverage. The amount of the potential cost can not be determined.

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The Bureau of Insurance will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules relating to the provision of health insurance. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.

The changes made to certain provisions of the community rating law and the continuity law will not significantly affect General Fund revenues collected from insurance premium taxes.

The Board of Registration in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration will incur some minor additional costs to develop expanded practice parameters and expanded risk management protocols. These costs can be absorbed within the boards' existing budgeted resources.

The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to prepare and submit the 2 required reports to the Legislature and to include nonhospital facilities using major medical equipment in the Certificate of Need review process. These costs can be absorbed within the Department of Human Services' existing budgeted resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment makes the standardized forms provisions applicable to chiropractors. It deletes transition language for the Maine High-Risk Insurance Organization and deletes the deappropriation as it was contained in Public Law 1993, chapter 410. It allows the termination of coverage under the Maine High-Risk Insurance Organization after December 1, 1993.

(Senator PEARSON)
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