

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1994

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Legislative Document

No. 1624

S.P. 580

In Senate, January 5, 1994

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### **An Act to Ensure Quality Psychological Services.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2335**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 704, §2, is  
amended to read:

6 **§2335. Selective contracting authorized**

8 Nonprofit service organizations may enter into contracts  
with a limited number of preferred providers. In selecting  
10 preferred providers, nonprofit service organizations may  
consider, among other factors, price differences between or among  
12 providers, geographic accessibility, specialization and projected  
utilization by beneficiaries and insureds. A provider may not be  
14 required to hold credentials that are higher than the  
requirements for state licensure. Selective contracting does not  
16 constitute unreasonable discrimination against or among providers.

18 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2672**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 704, §4,  
is amended to read:

20 **§2672. Selective contracting authorized**

22 Insurers or administrators may enter into contracts with a  
24 limited number of preferred providers. In selecting preferred  
providers, insurers or administrators may consider, among other  
26 factors, price differences between or among providers, geographic  
accessibility, specialization and projected utilization by  
28 beneficiaries and insureds. A provider may not be required to  
hold credentials that are higher than the requirements for state  
30 licensure. Selective contracting does not constitute  
unreasonable discrimination against or among providers.  
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34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This bill ensures that if a health care provider holds a  
valid state license for the provision of certain services the  
38 provider must be eligible for 3rd-party payor reimbursement if  
the services are reimbursable.  
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46 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the  
need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical  
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.