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BANKING & INSURANCE

Reported by: Senator McCormick of Kennebec

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 605, L.D. 1703, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Payment of Medical Expenses in Controverted Workers' Compensation Cases"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Report. The Superintendent of Insurance shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over banking and insurance matters on or before January 15, 1995 regarding the payment of medical expenses in controverted workers' compensation cases. The report must include controverted workers' compensation cases in which the injured person claims health care benefits under a health benefits plan offered through the same employer and under a health benefits plan that is not offered through the same employer and must include options for legislation. The report must include information on liabilities between different insurance companies and options for legislation.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The Bureau of Insurance will incur some minor additional costs to provide a certain report to the Legislature pertaining to the payment of medical expenses in controverted workers' compensation cases. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the entire bill. It directs the Superintendent of Insurance to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance by January 15, 1995 on the payment of medical expenses in controverted workers' compensation cases.