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BANKING AND INSURANCE

Reported by: The Majority of the Committee.

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 154, L.D. 340, Bill, "An Act to Require Insurance Companies to Reenroll Individuals Who Return to an Insurance Group as Though No Break in Coverage Occurred"

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. 24 MRSA §2349, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 477, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The request for enrollment is made within 30 days after termination of coverage under a prior contract or policy and the individual did not request coverage initially under the succeeding contract, or terminated coverage under the succeeding contract, because that individual was covered under a prior contract or policy and coverage under that contract or policy ceased due to termination of employment, termination of the group policy or group contract under which the individual was covered, death of a spouse or divorce;

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2849-B, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 477, Pt. A, §10 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The request for enrollment is made within 30 days after termination of coverage under a prior contract or policy and the individual did not request coverage initially under the succeeding contract or policy, or terminated coverage under the succeeding contract, because that individual was covered under a prior contract or policy and coverage under that

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2 contract or policy ceased due to termination of employment,
3 termination of the group policy or group contract under
4 which the individual was covered, death of a spouse or
5 divorce;'

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

8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 The Bureau of Insurance will incur some minor additional
11 costs to administer and process new filings. These costs can be
12 absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.'

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 This amendment allows an individual who was once enrolled
17 under a group plan to reenroll in that group policy or contract
18 when the individual's existing insurance coverage is terminated
19 due to termination of employment, termination of existing
20 coverage under the group policy or contract, the death of a
21 spouse or a divorce. This amendment requires insurers to provide
22 continuity of coverage if the individual requests reenrollment in
23 the group plan within 30 days after termination of the existing
24 coverage.
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