

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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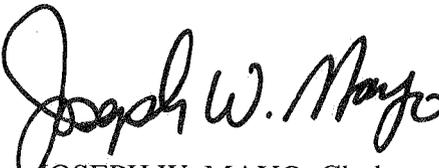
H.P. 893

House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

**An Act to Prohibit Insurance Companies from Denying Health Care Coverage Based on DNA Tests.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAXL of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and  
Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, MAYO of Bath, WINN of Glenburn, Senator:  
RAND of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-H is enacted to read:

**§2332-H. Deoxyribonucleic acid information**

No individual or group hospital, medical or health care service contract delivered or issued for delivery in this State may exclude or provide more restrictive benefits based on information obtained from a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2750-A is enacted to read:

**§2750-A. Deoxyribonucleic acid information**

No individual or family health insurance policy delivered or issued for delivery in this State may exclude or provide more restrictive benefits based on information obtained from a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test. This section does not apply to a policy providing benefits for specific diseases or accidental injury only.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2846-A is enacted to read:

**§2846-A. Deoxyribonucleic acid information**

No group health insurance policy delivered or issued for delivery in this State may exclude or provide more restrictive benefits based on information obtained from a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test. This section does not apply to a policy providing benefits for specific diseases or accidental injury only.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4121-B is enacted to read:

**§4121-B. Deoxyribonucleic acid information**

No certificate providing health insurance benefits delivered or issued for delivery in this State may exclude or provide more restrictive benefits based on information obtained from a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §4229-A is enacted to read:

**§4229-A. Deoxyribonucleic acid information**

No policy, contract or certificate delivered or issued for delivery in this State may exclude or provide more restrictive benefits based on information obtained from a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test.

## SUMMARY

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4 This bill prohibits the following from excluding or  
6 providing more restrictive benefits based on information obtained  
8 from DNA tests: individual, family and group health insurance  
policies; hospital, medical and health care service plans;  
fraternal society certificates of health benefits; and health  
maintenance organization contracts.