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H.P. 202

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

An Act to Make it an Unfair Claims Practice for Insurers Who Fail to Deal in Good Faith with Claimants to Resolve Claims.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAYO of Bath.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, McKEE of Wayne, NUTTING of Oakland, O'NEIL of Saco, TRUE of Fryeburg.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2164-D, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
634, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

6 **5. Resolution of claims.** It is an unfair claims practice
8 for any domestic, foreign or alien insurer transacting business
10 in this State to fail to deal with insureds and claimants in good
12 faith to resolve claims made against policies of insureds without
just cause and with such frequency as to indicate a general
business practice.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill makes it an unfair claims practice for an insurer
18 to fail to deal in good faith with a claimant when resolving a
claim made against a policy of the company's insured.