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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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No. 1135

H.P. 812

House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

An Act to Ensure that a Person with Pervasive Development Disorder is Not Penalized under the Insurance Laws.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and

Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, SAXL of Bangor, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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

- Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2850, sub-§2, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 445, §29 and affected by §32, are amended to read:
  - A. In a group contract, a preexisting condition exclusion may relate only to conditions for which medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment was recommended or received during the 6 months immediately preceding the effective date of coverage. An exclusion may not be imposed relating to pregnancy or to pervasive development disorder as a preexisting condition.
- 14 In an individual contract not subject to paragraph C, a preexisting condition exclusion may relate conditions manifesting in symptoms that would cause an 16 ordinarily prudent person to seek medical advice, diagnosis, 18 care or treatment or for which medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment was recommended or received during the 12 20 months immediately preceding the effective date of coverage or to a pregnancy existing on the effective date of 22 coverage. An exclusion may not be imposed relating to pervasive development disorder as a preexisting condition.

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**SUMMARY** 

This bill prohibits the imposition of a preexisting condition exclusion relating to pervasive development disorder in individual and group health insurance policies.