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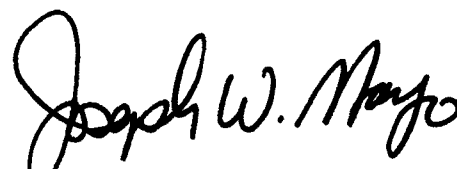
No. 1678

H.P. 1167

House of Representatives, March 4, 1999

**An Act to Expand and Clarify the Opportunities for Small Employers to
Purchase Health Insurance.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2805-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
147, §4, is amended to read:

6 1. The policy may insure members of the association or
8 associations, employees thereof or employees of members or one or
10 more of the preceding or all of any class or classes thereof for
the benefit of persons other than the employees' employer, except
12 that a group or subgroup of 50 or fewer members may not be
insured under a policy issued to an association.

14 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2808-B, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

16 G. A carrier may not impose a surcharge on the premium rate
applied to eligible groups of one member.

18 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2808-B, sub-§6, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1993,
20 c. 477, Pt. B, §3 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is repealed.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill amends the laws relating to small group health
26 insurance and does the following.

28 1. It prohibits groups with 50 or fewer members from
obtaining health insurance through association plans.

30 2. It eliminates the provision that allows insurers to
32 provide individual health insurance policies to sole proprietors.

34 3. It prohibits the imposition of surcharges on premiums
applied to groups of one member.