

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 275

House of Representatives, January 30, 2001

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**An Act to Permit Foster Parents to Purchase Group Health Insurance.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and  
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, FULLER of Manchester, LOVETT of  
Scarborough, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TOBIN of Windham,  
WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2807-B** is enacted to read:

6 **§2807-B. Foster parent group**

8 A group of foster parents may be insured under a policy  
10 issued to a statewide organization of foster parents or to a  
12 trust or to the trustees of a fund established, created or  
maintained for the benefit of members of a statewide organization  
of foster parents. The policy is subject to the following  
requirements.

14 1. Policy authorized. The policy may only insure members  
16 of the statewide organization of foster parents.

18 2. Premium. The premium for the policy must be paid from  
20 funds contributed by the statewide organization of foster  
parents, its foster parent members or by both.

22 3. Eligibility. Except as provided in subsection 4, a  
24 policy on which no part of the premium is derived from funds  
contributed by the covered persons specifically for their  
insurance must insure all eligible persons, except those who  
reject that coverage in writing.

26 4. Exclusion or limitation. Except as provided in section  
28 2736-C, section 2808-B and chapter 36, an insurer may exclude or  
limit the coverage on any person as to whom evidence of  
30 individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer.

32 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2808, first ¶,** as repealed and replaced by  
34 PL 1981, c. 147, §8, is amended to read:

36 Group health insurance offered to a resident of this State  
38 under a group health insurance policy issued to a group other  
than one described in sections 2804 to 2807-A 2807-B is subject  
to the following requirements.

40 **SUMMARY**

42 This bill makes foster parents belonging to a statewide  
44 organization eligible for health insurance coverage on a group  
basis.