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H.P. 380

House of Representatives, February 1, 2001

An Act to Ensure Equality in Health Insurance Coverage for Eating Disorders for Children and Adults.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Winterport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, McKEE of Wayne, PERRY of Bangor, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WESTON of Montville, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-M** is enacted to read:

6 **§2332-M. Coverage for eating disorders**

8 All individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical
10 services plan policies and contracts and all nonprofit health
12 care plan policies and contracts must provide coverage for the
14 treatment of eating disorders. All persons with eating
16 disorders, including persons birth to 18 years of age, are
18 covered under this section.

20 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2759** is enacted to read:

22 **§2759. Coverage for eating disorders**

24 All individual health policies and contracts, except
26 accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity,
28 Medicare supplement, long-term care and other limited benefit
30 health insurance policies and contracts, must provide coverage
32 for the treatment of eating disorders. All persons with eating
34 disorders, including persons birth to 18 years of age, are
36 covered under this section.

38 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2847-J** is enacted to read:

40 **§2847-J. Coverage for eating disorders**

42 All group insurance policies and contracts, except
44 accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity,
46 Medicare supplement, long-term care and other limited benefit
48 health insurance policies and contracts, must provide coverage
50 for the treatment of eating disorders. All persons with eating
52 disorders, including persons birth to 18 years of age, are
54 covered under this section.

56 **Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4249** is enacted to read:

58 **§4249. Coverage for eating disorders**

60 All health maintenance organization individual and group
62 health contracts must provide coverage for the treatment of
64 eating disorders. All persons with eating disorders, including
66 persons birth to 18 years of age, are covered under this section.

68 **Sec. 5. Applicability.** This Act applies to all policies and
70 contracts executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or
72 renewed on or after January 1, 2002. All policies and

2 contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly
anniversary of the contract date.

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6 SUMMARY

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8 This bill requires health insurance policies and contracts
to provide coverage for eating disorders to any person, including
a person who is under 18 years of age.