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L.D. 606

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DATE: April 26, 2001

(Filing No. S-90)

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**BANKING AND INSURANCE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 178, L.D. 606, "Resolve, to  
Reduce the Cost of Health Care Policies Purchased by Consumers  
and Businesses"

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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting  
the following:

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'Resolve, to Require the Bureau of Insurance to Conduct a  
Comparison Study of Mandated Health Insurance Benefits'

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Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after  
the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the  
following:

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**'Sec. 1. Bureau of Insurance to submit report. Resolved:** That the  
Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of  
Insurance shall examine state laws and rules relating to mandated  
health insurance coverages in comparison with laws and rules  
relating to mandated health insurance coverages in other states.  
The bureau shall also examine the extent to which health  
insurance policies exempt from some or all mandated benefit  
requirements are available in other states. The bureau shall  
submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and  
Insurance no later than December 1, 2001. The Joint Standing  
Committee on Banking and Insurance may report out legislation  
based on the bureau's report to the Second Regular Session of the  
120th Legislature.'

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Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the  
summary the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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The Bureau of Insurance within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will incur some minor additional costs to examine state laws and rules related to mandated health insurance coverages in comparison to other states and submit the required report. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance and requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to examine state laws and rules relating to mandated health insurance coverages in comparison to laws and rules relating to mandated health insurance coverages in other states. The bureau is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance no later than December 1, 2001.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.