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L.D. 782

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**BANKING AND INSURANCE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 217, L.D. 782, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Health Maintenance Organization Accountability"

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

**'An Act to Define Undisputed Claims for Covered Health Insurance Benefits'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:**

2-A. For purposes of this section, an "undisputed claim" means a timely claim for payment of covered health care expenses under a policy or certificate providing health care coverage that is submitted to an insurer on the insurer's standard claim form using the most current published procedural codes with all the required fields completed with correct and complete information in accordance with the insurer's published claims filing requirements. This subsection applies only to a policy or certificate of a health plan as defined in section 4301-A, subsection 7.'

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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4 The Bureau of Insurance within the Department of  
Professional and Financial Regulation may incur some minor  
6 additional costs to implement the bill's new definition of  
"undisputed claim." These costs can be absorbed within the  
budgeted resources of the bureau.'

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**SUMMARY**

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14 This amendment adds a new title and replaces the bill. It  
enacts a definition of "undisputed claim" and clarifies that the  
definition applies only to claims made for covered benefits under  
health insurance policies. This amendment also adds a fiscal  
16 note to the bill.