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H.P. 329

House of Representatives, February 4, 2003

**An Act To Include a Representative of Mental Health Providers on
the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRANNIGAN of Portland, CANAVAN of Waterville, LEMOINE of Old
Orchard Beach, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, PINGREE of North Haven, SHERMAN of
Hodgdon, SUKEFORTH of Union, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8703, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 457,
4 §5, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Board of directors.** The organization operates under the
supervision of a board of directors, which consists of 20 21
8 voting members.

10 A. The Governor shall appoint ~~18~~ 19 board members in
accordance with the following requirements. Appointments by
12 the Governor are not subject to review or confirmation.

14 (1) Four members must represent consumers. For the
purposes of this section, "consumer" means a person who
16 is not affiliated with or employed by a 3rd-party
payor, a provider or an association representing those
18 providers or those 3rd-party payors.

20 (2) Three members must represent employers. One
member must be chosen from a list provided by a health
22 management coalition in this State.

24 (3) Two members must represent 3rd-party payors.

26 (4) ~~Nine~~ Ten members must represent providers. Two
provider members must represent hospitals chosen from a
28 list of at least 5 current hospital representatives
provided by the Maine Hospital Association. Two
30 provider members must be physicians or representatives
of physicians chosen from a list of at least 5 nominees
32 provided jointly by the Maine Medical Association and
the Maine Osteopathic Association. One provider
34 member must be a chiropractor chosen from a list
provided by a statewide chiropractic association. One
36 provider member must be a representative, chosen from a
list provided by the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition,
38 of a federally qualified health center. One provider
member must be a pharmacist chosen from a list provided
40 by the Maine Pharmacy Association. One provider member
42 must be a representative, chosen from a list provided
by the Maine Association of Mental Health Services, of
44 mental health providers. Two provider members must be
representatives of other health care providers, at
46 least one of whom is a current representative of a home
health care company.

48 B. The commissioner shall appoint 2 members who are
employees of the department to represent the State's
50 interest in maintaining health data and to ensure that

2 information collected is available for determining public
health policy.

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SUMMARY

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8 This bill requires that a representative of mental health
providers be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Maine
Health Data Organization.