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S.P. 211

In Senate, February 11, 2003

**Resolve, to Allow Persons with Disabilities to Purchase Coverage
Under the Medicaid Program**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representative THOMAS of Orono
and Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, EDMONDS of Cumberland, MARTIN of
Aroostook, Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FISCHER of Presque Isle, KANE of
Saco, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Sec. 1. Medicaid buy-in for persons with disabilities. Resolved:

2 That by January 1, 2004, the Department of Human Services shall
4 amend the rules regarding eligibility for employed persons with
6 disabilities and their spouses to purchase coverage under the
8 Medicaid program. The amended rules must maintain the income
10 eligibility limit of 250% of the federal nonfarm income official
12 poverty level for earned and unearned income combined and must
14 remove any separate limitation on unearned income. Rules adopted
16 pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined
18 by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
20 2-A.

SUMMARY

16 This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to
18 amend the rules to allow persons with disabilities and their
20 spouses to purchase coverage in the Medicaid program. The rules
must maintain income eligibility limits while removing separate
limits on earned and unearned income.