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House of Representatives, April 10, 2003

### **An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Health Care System and Health Security Board**

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Reported by Representative O'NEIL of Saco for the Health Care System and Health Security Board pursuant to Public Law 2001, c. 439, Pt. ZZZ, section 1.

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed under Joint Rule 218.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§14-D** is enacted to read:

6 14-D. Health Expenses 24-A MRSA  
7 Health Security Only §6903  
8 Security Board

10 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA c. 87** is enacted to read:

12 **CHAPTER 87**

14 **MAINE SINGLE-PAYOR HEALTH CARE PLAN**

16 **§6901. Definitions**

18 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

20 1. Board. "Board" means the Health Security Board as  
established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 14-D.

22 2. Plan. "Plan" means the Maine Single-payor Health Care  
24 Plan.

26 3. Plan enrollee. "Plan enrollee" means a person enrolled  
in the plan.

28 4. Provider. "Provider" means any person, organization,  
30 corporation or association that provides health care services or  
32 products and is authorized or licensed to provide those services  
and products under the laws of this State.

34 5. Resident. "Resident" means a person who resides within  
the State.

36 **§6902. Maine Single-payor Health Care Plan established**

38 1. Plan established. There is established the Maine  
40 Single-payor Health Care Plan to provide health care coverage to  
42 all residents through a plan that emphasizes quality, cost  
containment, choice of provider and access to comprehensive and  
44 preventive care.

46 2. Implementation and operation of plan. Coverage under the  
plan must be available to residents beginning January 1, 2005.  
48 Before the plan begins offering coverage, the board must develop  
recommendations for the implementation and administration of the  
plan and the Legislature must approve the recommendations in  
50 accordance with section 6903, subsections 2 and 3.

2        §6903. Health Security Board

4            1. Board membership. The board consists of 19 members as  
follows:

6            A. The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's  
8            designee;

10           B. The Executive Director of the State Employee Health  
Commission or the executive director's designee;

12           C. The State Tax Assessor or the assessor's designee;

14           D. The Senate chair of the joint standing committee of the  
16           Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance  
matters;

18           E. The House chair of the joint standing committee of the  
20           Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance  
matters;

22           F. A representative of each of the following, appointed by  
24           the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature:

26                (1) A statewide organization that advocates universal  
health care;

28                (2) A statewide organization that represents senior  
30                citizens in this State;

32                (3) A statewide organization that defends the rights  
of children;

34                (4) An statewide organization that represents health  
36                insurers and health maintenance organizations;

38                (5) A statewide labor organization;

40                (6) Health care economists;

42                (7) A statewide organization of physicians;

44                (8) A statewide organization of nurses; and

46                (9) A statewide organization of hospitals;

48           G. Two representatives of the business community, appointed  
50           by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature, including:



2 health plan for the State. The bill establishes the Maine  
Single-payor Health Care Plan and requires that the plan begin  
4 offering coverage on January 1, 2005. The bill also establishes  
the Health Security Board to develop recommendations for the  
6 implementation and administration of the single-payor plan. Under  
the bill, the implementation plan and any necessary legislation  
8 must be approved by the Legislature before the single-payor plan  
begins offering coverage.