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S.P. 625

In Senate, May 23, 2005

An Act to Improve Dirigo Health

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial 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 SULLIVAN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland and
Representative: PERRY of Calais.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to:

12 1. Require the Dirigo Health Agency to develop a method for
14 including a health savings account option as part of DirigoChoice
and to report its recommendation for such inclusion to the Joint
Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services;

16 2. Require the Governor's Office of Health Policy and
18 Finance to develop options for financing the cost of conforming
state tax law to federal tax law regarding health savings
20 accounts and to report its recommendations to the Joint Standing
Committee on Insurance and Financial Services;

22 3. Require the Department of Professional and Financial
24 Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to develop a method for insurance
carriers to report new business, categorized by insurance
26 status. The report would include categories for insured,
underinsured and uninsured people. The bureau would report its
28 recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and
Financial Services;

30 4. Expand the membership of the Advisory Council on Health
32 Systems Development to include a practicing nurse, a small
business and a large business that purchases employee health
coverage; and

34 5. Clarify that the Dirigo Health Agency is authorized to
36 make and administer grants.