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An Act To Create the Maine Health Card Program

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, PERRY of Calais, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3194** is enacted to read:

3 **§3194. Maine Health Card program**

4 There is established to assist qualifying individuals with the costs of paying for health
5 care the Maine Health Card program, referred to in this section as “the program.”

6 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
7 following terms have the following meanings.

8 A. “Health care practitioner” has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection
9 1, paragraph F.

10 B. “Program benefit” means a medically necessary health service provided by a
11 health care practitioner who participates in the MaineCare program or a prescribed
12 covered drug as defined in section 2681, subsection 2, paragraph A-1.

13 C. “Qualifying person” means a person or family whose household income after
14 taxes is equal to or below 350% of the nonfarm income official poverty level and
15 who are without health care coverage.

16 **2. Operation of the program.** Under the program a qualifying person who has
17 enrolled may use a Maine Health Card program card and be eligible to pay for a program
18 benefit at the MaineCare rate of reimbursement. The health care practitioner who
19 provides the health benefit to the enrolled person may not bill the person for any charge
20 in addition to the amount payable with the Maine Health Card program card.

21 **3. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules to implement the program. Rules
22 adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter
23 375, subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill establishes the Maine Health Card program to enable uninsured persons to
26 pay the MaineCare price for medically necessary health services and prescribed covered
27 drugs.