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**No. 1208**

S.P. 396

March 7, 2007

### **An Act To Create Uniformity among Certain Self-insureds**

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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 Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, WESTON of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6603, sub-§1, ¶F-1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 121, Pt. A,  
3 §1, is amended to read:

4 F-1. Must comply with the requirements of section 2809-A, subsection 11,  
5 concerning continued coverage in the event of an employee's being temporarily laid  
6 off or losing employment because of an injury or disease that the employee claims to  
7 be compensable under workers' compensation; and

8 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §6603, sub-§1, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 688, §1, is  
9 amended to read:

10 G. May not deny coverage to any otherwise eligible employer, employee or  
11 dependent on the basis of health status or claims experience; and.

12 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §6603, sub-§1, ¶H**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 410, Pt. A,  
13 §9, is repealed.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill clarifies that multiple-employer welfare arrangements will be treated like  
16 other plans under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for  
17 purposes of small group plan requirements. Multiple-employer welfare arrangements  
18 will no longer be required to comply with the standards of the Maine Revised Statutes,  
19 Title 24-A, section 2808-B relating to small group health plans and will not have to  
20 comply with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of  
21 Insurance, Bureau Rule 750, which addresses standardized health plans, or Rule 850,  
22 which addresses health plan accountability. Multiple-employer welfare arrangements are  
23 still required to meet the reporting, actuarial, joint and several liability and group  
24 solvency standards of Title 24-A, chapter 81.