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3 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 123RD LEGISLATURE
8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1053, L.D. 1503, Bill, "An Act To
10 Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Health Insurance"

11 Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the
12 following:

13 'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
14 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

15 Whereas, this legislation extends the provision permitting health insurance carriers
16 to offer financial incentives to enrollees to use designated health care providers under a
17 health plan; and

18 Whereas, if this Legislature does not act that provision will be repealed July 1,
19 2007; and

20 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
21 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
22 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
23 therefore,'

24 Amend the bill in Part B in section 5 in subsection 1 in the last blocked paragraph
25 (page 5, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following "2007" and inserting the following:
26 '2007 2009'

27 Amend the bill in Part C by striking out all of section 1 (page 10, line 40 and page 11,
28 lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

29 'Sec. C-1. 24-A MRSA §2850-B, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 445,
30 §30 and affected by §32, is amended to read:

31 D. In the large or small group market, for noncompliance with the carrier's
32 minimum participation requirements ~~that, which~~ may not exceed 75% the
33 participation requirement when the policy was issued;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1053, L.D. 1503

1 **Sec. C-2. 24-A MRSA §2850-B, sub-§3, ¶F-1** is enacted to read:

2 F-1. When the carrier ceases offering individual health plans in compliance with
3 section 2736-C, subsection 4 and does not renew any existing policies in that
4 market;'

5 Amend the bill in Part F in section 1 in subsection 1-B in the 2nd line (page 13, line 5
6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "policyholders" the following: ',' and in the 3rd
7 line (page 13, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "subsection 1-A" the
8 following: ','

9 Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

10 '**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
11 legislation takes effect when approved.'

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment clarifies the law relating to participation requirements at renewal of
14 a policy to make it consistent with the law relating to participation requirements at the
15 time a policy is issued. The amendment extends for 2 years the provision allowing
16 financial incentives under Bureau of Insurance Rule Chapter 850. The amendment also
17 corrects grammatical and punctuation errors.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1503

LR 517(02)

An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Health Insurance

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Insurance and Financial Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Bureau of Insurance in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the bureau utilizing existing budget resources.