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## INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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### STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 123RD LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1450, L.D. 2066, Bill, “An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Extension of Health Care Coverage to Dependents”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2742-B, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §1 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

B. Has no dependent of the child's own; and

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2742-B, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §1 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

C. Is a resident of this State or is enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited public or private institution of higher education; and

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2742-B, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §1 and affected by §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2742-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §1 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

**2. Offer of coverage.** Notwithstanding section 2703, subsection 3, an individual health insurance policy that ~~provides~~ offers coverage for a dependent child must offer to extend such coverage, at the option of the policyholder, until the dependent child is 25 years of age. An insurer may require, as a condition of eligibility for continued coverage in accordance with this section, that a covered person seeking continued coverage for a dependent child provide written documentation on an annual basis that the dependent child meets or continues to meet the requirements in subsection 1.

**Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2742-B, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Notice.** An insurer shall provide notice to policyholders regarding the availability of dependent coverage under this section upon each renewal of coverage or at least once

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1 annually, whichever occurs more frequently. Notice provided under this subsection must  
2 include information about enrollment periods and notice of the insurer's definition of and  
3 benefit limitations for preexisting conditions.

4 This subsection is repealed January 1, 2012.

5 **Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2833-B, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §2  
6 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

7 B. Has no dependent of the child's own; and

8 **Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §2833-B, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §2  
9 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

10 C. Is a resident of this State or is enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited  
11 public or private institution of higher education; and.

12 **Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §2833-B, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §2  
13 and affected by §5, is repealed.

14 **Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §2833-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §2 and  
15 affected by §5, is amended to read:

16 **2. Offer of coverage.** Notwithstanding section 2822, a group health insurance  
17 policy that ~~provides~~ offers coverage for a dependent child must offer ~~to extend~~ such  
18 coverage, at the option of the policyholder, until the dependent child is 25 years of age.  
19 An insurer may require, as a condition of eligibility for ~~continued~~ coverage in accordance  
20 with this section, that a ~~covered~~ person seeking ~~continued~~ coverage for a dependent child  
21 provide written documentation on an annual basis that the dependent child meets ~~or~~  
22 ~~continues to meet~~ the requirements in subsection 1.

23 **Sec. 10. 24-A MRSA §2833-B, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

24 **3. Notice.** An insurer shall provide notice to policyholders regarding the availability  
25 of dependent coverage under this section upon each renewal of coverage or at least once  
26 annually, whichever occurs more frequently. Notice provided under this subsection must  
27 include information about enrollment periods and notice of the insurer's definition of and  
28 benefit limitations for preexisting conditions.

29 This subsection is repealed January 1, 2012.

30 **Sec. 11. 24-A MRSA §4233-B, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §4  
31 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

32 B. Has no dependent of the child's own; and

33 **Sec. 12. 24-A MRSA §4233-B, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §4  
34 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

35 C. Is a resident of this State or is enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited  
36 public or private institution of higher education; and.

37 **Sec. 13. 24-A MRSA §4233-B, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 115, §4  
38 and affected by §5, is repealed.

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**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Insurance and Financial Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## 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 are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources. No additional costs to the State Employee Health Program are expected.