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H.P. 368

House of Representatives, February 10, 2011

An Act Regarding Private Health Insurance Purchased by the State for Recipients of MaineCare

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative McKANE of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and
Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, FOSSEL of Alna, MORISSETTE of Winslow,
PRESCOTT of Topsham, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, Senators: HASTINGS of
Oxford, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §18, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Consideration of health status prohibited. The department may not, as a condition of determining an individual's eligibility for enrollment in a group health plan or an individual health insurance policy pursuant to the Private Health Insurance Premium Program, require the individual to complete a health assessment or consider the health status of the individual prior to acceptance into the program. This subsection does not apply to an individual or family enrolled in a group health plan or an individual health insurance policy pursuant to the Private Health Insurance Premium Program prior to the effective date of this subsection.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from requiring an individual to complete a health assessment or considering an individual's health status as a condition of eligibility for the Private Health Insurance Premium Program. The bill also provides that the prohibition does not affect an individual or family enrolled in private health insurance pursuant to the program prior to the provision's effective date.