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No. 621

S.P. 214

In Senate, March 3, 2015

An Act To Improve Access to Insurance Coverage for Persons for Whom English Is a Second Language

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative STUCKEY of Portland and
Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: HARLOW
of Portland, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, KRUGER of Thomaston, McCLELLAN of Raymond,
TUCKER of Brunswick, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A M RSA §2412, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Foreign language policies. A policy and any explanatory or advertising material related to a policy may be provided in a language other than English. In the event of a dispute or complaint regarding the policy or explanatory or advertising material, the English language version of the policy or explanatory or advertising material controls the resolution of the dispute or complaint.

SUMMARY

This bill permits insurance companies and producers to provide insurance policies and any explanatory or advertising material in a language other than English. This bill provides that, in the event of a dispute or complaint regarding the policy or explanatory or advertising material, the English language version of the policy or explanatory or advertising material controls the resolution of the dispute or complaint.