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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 559, L.D. 1694, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Mental Health Insurance Coverage Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Determine Compliance with Federal and State Mental Health Parity Laws'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Determination of compliance with federal and state mental health parity laws. Resolved: That the Superintendent of Insurance shall determine the compliance of health insurance carriers in this State with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24, sections 2325-A and 2329 and Title 24-A, sections 2749-C, 2842, 2843 and 4234-A. To determine compliance as required by this section, the superintendent may authorize a market conduct examination or use a survey tool to assess compliance.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 30, 2020, the Superintendent of Insurance shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services with the results of the compliance assessment required in section 1 including any recommendations.

Sec. 3. Legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature based on the report provided in accordance with section 2.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that requires the Superintendent of Insurance to determine the compliance of health insurance carriers doing business in this State with federal and state mental health parity laws. The Superintendent of Insurance is

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1 required to either authorize a market conduct examination or use a survey tool to assess
2 compliance and to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage,
3 Insurance and Financial Services no later than January 30, 2020. The committee is
4 authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th
5 Legislature based on the results.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1694

LR 2169(02)

An Act To Amend the Mental Health Insurance Coverage Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2216)
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Superintendent of Insurance to determine the compliance of health insurance carriers with federal and state mental health parity laws and submit a report. Additional costs to the Bureau of Insurance, within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, to carry out these provisions can be absorbed within existing resources.