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CHAPTER 561
S.P. 825 - L.D. 2157

**An Act To Implement the
Recommendations of the Joint
Standing Committee on
Insurance and Financial
Services Regarding Reporting
on Lyme Disease and Other
Tick-borne Illnesses**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 266-B is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 266-B

**LYME DISEASE AND OTHER TICK-BORNE
ILLNESSES**

**§1645. Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses;
annual report**

1. Report contents. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall, on an ongoing basis, monitor, review and evaluate Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses in this State and shall submit an annual report in accordance with this subsection and subsection 2. The report must include at a minimum and to the extent information is available:

A. The incidence of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses in this State;

B. The treatment guidelines for Lyme disease recommended by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

C. A summary or bibliography of peer-reviewed medical literature and studies related to the medical management and the treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, including, but not limited to, the recognition of chronic Lyme disease and the use of long-term antibiotic treatment;

D. The education, training and guidance provided by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to health care professionals on the current methods of diagnosing and treating Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses;

E. The education and public awareness activities conducted by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for the prevention of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses; and

F. A summary of the laws of other states enacted during the last year related to the diagnosis, treatment and insurance coverage for Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses based on resources made available by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or other organizations.

2. Annual report. Beginning February 1, 2009 and annually by February 1st thereafter, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters. In addition to the information required under subsection 1, the report may include recommendations for legislation to address public health programs for the prevention and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses in this State.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4302, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Annual report; claims for treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. By February 1st of each year, all carriers shall file with the superintendent for the most recent calendar year for all covered individuals in the State the total claims made for the treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. The filing must include information on the number of claims made for the treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, the total dollar amount of those claims, the number of claim denials and the reasons for those denials, the number and outcome of internal appeals and the number of external appeals related to the treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. The superintendent shall compile from all carriers this data in an annual report and submit the report by March 15th of each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters.

See title page for effective date.
