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An Act to Ensure Equality in Mental Health Coverage. Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, ASH of Belfast, BARSTOW of Gorham, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BLISS of South Portland, BRANNIGAN of Portland, BREault of Buxton, BULL of Freeport, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CANAVAN of Waterville, CLARK of Millinocket, COLWELL of Gardiner, COWGER of Hallowell, CUMMINGS of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, EARLE of Damariscotta, EDER of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FINCH of Fairfield, FISCHER of Presque Isle, GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GOODWIN of Pembroke, GREELEY of Levant, HATCH of Skowhegan, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, KANE of Saco, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LANDRY of Sanford, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, LERMAN of Augusta, LESSARD of Topsham, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MAKAS of Lewiston, MARLEY of Portland, MARRACHE of Waterville, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, McKEE of Wayne, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, McNEIL of Rockland, MILLETT of Waterford, NORBERT of Portland, NORTON of Bangor, O'BRIEN of Augusta, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, PARADIS of Frenchville, PATRICK of Rumford, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PINEAU of Jay, PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, RINES of Wiscasset, ROGERS of Brewer, SAMPSON of Auburn, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Monmouth, SMITH of Van Buren, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, SUSLOVIC of Portland, THOMAS of Orono, THOMPSON of China, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath, WHEELER of Kittery, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, WOTTON of Littleton, Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, BROMLEY of Cumberland, BRYANT of Oxford, CATHCART of Penobscot, DAMON of Hancock, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, EDMONDS of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec, HALL of Lincoln, HATCH of Somerset, LaFOUNTAIN of York, LEMONT of York, MARTIN of Aroostook, PENDLETON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SAWYER of Penobscot, STANLEY of Penobscot, STRIMLING of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services. Public Hearing 03/04/03. Final Disposition: Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 04/15/03.

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