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**121st Legislature (2002-2004)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1611 / HP1187

An Act To Provide Affordable Health Insurance to Small Businesses and Individuals and To Control Health Care Costs. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco; Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DAVIS of Falmouth, MILLS of Cornville, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, GAGNON of Kennebec, MAYO of Sagadahoc, TURNER of Cumberland. Referred to Joint Select Committee on Health Care Reform. Public Hearing 05/15/03. OTP-AM Accepted 06/12/03. Amended by: CA H-565, SB/CA S-288. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 06/18/03, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 469.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1611 \(121st Legis. 2003\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1611 \(in Health Care Reform Committee\) / PL 2003, c. 469](#)

[LD 1611 \(in Insurance & Financial Affairs Committee\) / PL 2003, c. 469](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Select Committee on Health Care Reform

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-565\) \(LD 1611 2003\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CA \(H-572\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment HB/CA \(H-573\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment HC/CA \(H-574\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment HD/CA \(H-575\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment HE/CA \(H-577\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment HF/CA \(H-578\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment HG/CA \(H-583\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-278\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment HH/CA \(H-584\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment HI/CA \(H-586\) \(LD 1611 2003\)](#)

[Amendment SB/CA \(S-288\) \(LD 1611 2003\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, May 12, 2003 \(H553-577\)](#)

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[HOUSE, May 12, 2003 \(H553-577\)](#)

- p. H-568 (Remarks)

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[HOUSE, June 12, 2003 \(H959-999\)](#)

- p. H-963 (Amendment(s) H-565)

[HOUSE, June 12, 2003 \(H959-999\)](#)

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## Reports and Other Related Documents

[Governor's Office of Health Policy & Finance. Maine's State Health Plan \(July 23, 2004\)](#)

[Comm'n to Study Maine's Hospitals. Report to the Legislature \(February 2005\)](#)

## News Articles

Baldacci plan for health care rouses critics (Huang, Josie) (Portland Press Herald, 5/2/2003)

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211001.pdf)

Legislator don't want to rush health-care reform (Bell, Tom) (Kennebec Journal, 5/6/2003) ●

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Baldacci plan has parties at odds (Adams, Glenn) (Kennebec Journal, 5/7/2003) ● (Available

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Legislators clash over push to pass health-care reform (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 5/7/2003) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation:

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Stalled health bills entangle reform debate (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 5/21/2003) ●

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Reform plans: One in, two out (Huang, Josie) (Portland Press Herald, 6/6/2003) ● (Available

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Health care plan OK'd (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 6/7/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211165.pdf)

Sanford lawmaker proposes help for Maine veterans (Wells, Tammy) (Journal Tribune, 6/7/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211161.pdf)

Key hurdle resolved on health care (Huang, Josie) (Portland Press Herald, 6/7/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211485.pdf)

Health care deliberations hit late snag (Adams, Glenn) (Bangor Daily News, 6/10/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211170.pdf)

Health care deal struck (Huang, Josie) (Portland Press Herald, 6/10/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211486.pdf)

Dirigo deal gets OK (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 6/10/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211493.pdf)

United panel endorses health plan (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 6/11/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211494.pdf)

Health-care plan close to passage (Huang, Josie) (Portland Press Herald, 6/11/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211175.pdf)

Dirigo bill likely to be settled today (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 6/13/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211201.pdf)

Health-care bill close to passage in Legislature (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 6/13/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211500.pdf)

House fails to enact Dirigo bill (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 6/13/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211196.pdf)

Historic Dirigo Health Plan passes (Higgins, A.J.) (Bangor Daily News, 6/14/2003, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211501.pdf)

Innovative health plan embraced (Huang, Josie) (Portland Press Herald, 6/14/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211502.pdf)

Dirigo health plan passes (Adams, Glenn) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 6/14/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211207.pdf)

Baldacci signs health plan into law (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 6/19/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211507.pdf)

Senate, House approve Dirigo Health Plan (Boothbay Register, 6/19/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211232.pdf)

Baldacci signs Dirigo Health (Cover, Susan M.) (Morning Sentinel, 6/19/2003) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211508.pdf)

Supporters celebrate as Dirigo Health bill signed (Adams, Glenn) (Portland Press Herald, 6/19/2003) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211506.pdf)

Dirigo's rewards outweigh its risk (Sawyer, W. Tom Jr.) (Bangor Daily News, 6/26/2003) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211257.pdf)

Baldacci sets Dirigo in motion (Quinn, Francis X.) (Journal Tribune, 8/30/2003, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB1211319.pdf)

Bennett: Dirigo funds illegal (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 1/30/2004, p. A1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD16xx/nc121-LD-1611/SB121074.pdf)

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