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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 2247 / HP1608

An Act To Continue Maine's Leadership in Covering the Uninsured. Presented by Representative PINGREE of North Haven; Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CANAVAN of Waterville, CROCKETT of Augusta, CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PRIEST of Brunswick, Senators: BOWMAN of York, EDMONDS of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, MITCHELL of Kennebec. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services. Public Hearing 03/13/08. Report A (OTP-AM) Accepted 04/15/08. Amended by: CA H-914 HB/CA H-1013 SA S-644 SC/CA S-640. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/16/08, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 629. People's Veto: Parts D, E, and F of the Enacted Law were repealed by People's Veto 11/04/08 (In favor of repeal: 462,818; Opposed: 253,026)

**Original Bill**

[LD 2247 \(123rd Legis. 2008\)](#)

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

[LD 2247 / PL 2007, c. 629](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf123-LD-2247.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-914\) \(LD 2247 2008\) \(Report A\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(H-915\) \(LD 2247 2008\) \(Report C\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-636\) \(LD 2247 2008\)](#)

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[Amendment SC/CA \(S-640\) \(LD 2247 2008\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CB \(S-641\) \(LD 2247 2008\)](#)

[Amendment SB/CB \(S-642\) \(LD 2247 2008\)](#)

[Amendment SA \(S-644\) \(LD 2247 2008\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CA \(H-1012\) \(LD 2247 2008\)](#)

[Amendment HB/CA \(H-1013\) \(LD 2247 2008\) \(Passed\)](#)

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- p. H-1643 (Remarks (in passing))

## Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2007, c. 629](#)

## Reports and Other Related Documents

[Final Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services: Review of the Fund for a Healthy Maine \(October 1, 2008\)](#)

(Pursuant to PL 2007, c. 629, sec. H-1)

[Joint Standing Comm. on Health and Human Services. Study of Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine \(December 2015\)](#)

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Baldacci backs cigarette tax hike (Cover, Susan M.) (Kennebec Journal, 4/2/2008) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 123/LD22xx/nc123-ld-2247/SB1232291.pdf)

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