

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

December 2021

MEMBERS:

SEN. HEATHER B. SANBORN, CHAIR
SEN. STACY BRENNER
SEN. HAROLD "TREY" L. STEWART, III

REP. DENISE A. TEPLER, CHAIR
REP. HEIDI E. BROOKS
REP. GINA M. MELARAGNO
REP. POPPY ARFORD
REP. RICHARD A. EVANS
REP. KRISTI MICHELE MATHIESON
REP. JOSHUA MORRIS
REP. MARK JOHN BLIER
REP. JONATHAN M. CONNOR
REP. TRACY L. QUINT

STAFF:

COLLEEN MCCARTHY REID, SR. LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670
<http://legislature.maine.gov/opla/>

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**LD 1660 An Act To Modify Dental Licensure Requirements To Consider Credentialed
Individuals from Other Jurisdictions**

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 163 authorizes the Board of Dental Practice on a case-by-case basis to grant licensure to otherwise qualified applicants for dentist licenses, limited dentist licenses and dental hygienist licenses who did not obtain either a doctoral degree in dentistry or a dental hygiene degree from a program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation by authorizing the board to consider educational equivalency in determining the educational qualifications. It also authorizes the Board of Dental Practice on a case-by-case basis to grant licensure to otherwise qualified applicants for dentist faculty licenses, limited dentist licenses, expanded function dental assistant licenses, faculty dental hygiene licenses, faculty denturist licenses and licenses under the Dental Practice Act endorsement provision who are licensed in good standing in a United States territory, a foreign nation or a foreign administrative division that issues licenses in the dental professions.

Public Law 2021, chapter 163 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 11, 2021.

**LD 1725 An Act To Clarify the Deferral of the Pooled Market and Link Small Employer
Clear Choice to Pooling in the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act**

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 361 changes the effective date of individual and small group health plans that must be offered in the State through a pooled market from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023. The law requires the Superintendent of Insurance to develop clear choice designs for all individual health plans offered in the State with effective dates on or after January 1, 2022 and for all pooled market health plans. The law clarifies that health insurance carriers may offer up to three health plan designs that modify one or more cost-sharing parameters of a clear choice design.

The law modifies the permissible use of excess funds derived from assessments against insurers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 3957 and delays the implementation of the requirement that the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association reinsure certain insurers offering small group health plans in the State to calendar year 2023.