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An Act To Clarify the Right To Name a 3rd Party To Receive Notification of Policy Cancellation

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative HOBBINS of Saco. Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, MORRISON of South Portland, Senator: HASKELL of Cumberland.

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

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2 Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2707-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 123, §2 and affected by 3 §5, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

<u>When an insured pays the premium for a policy through a payroll deduction plan, any</u>
<u>requirement that the insured has a right to designate at least one other person to receive</u>
<u>notice of lapse or termination of the policy may be deferred until 60 days after the insured</u>
<u>is no longer on the payroll plan.</u>

8 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2847-C,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 123, §3 and affected by 9 §5, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

10 When a policyholder or certificate holder pays the premium for a policy or certificate 11 through a payroll plan, any requirement that the insured has a right to designate at least 12 one other person to receive notice of lapse or termination of a group accident or health 13 insurance policy or certificate may be deferred until 60 days after the certificate holder is 14 no longer on the payroll plan.

15 **Sec. 3. Rules.** The Superintendent of Insurance shall adopt routine technical rules 16 as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to 17 implement those sections of this Act that amend Title 24-A, sections 2707-A and 2847-C.

SUMMARY

19 This bill adds provisions to the Maine Insurance Code to allow an insured person 20 who had been paying for health insurance through a payroll plan a period of 60 days after 21 the insured person is no longer on the payroll plan to designate at least one other person 22 to receive notice of lapse or termination of the policy.