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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 655, L.D. 1837, “An Act To Clarify the Appeals Process for Decisions Related to the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation has been submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services to clarify the appeals process for decisions of the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace; and

**Whereas,** enacting this legislation as soon as possible will provide clarity for consumers who want to appeal decisions of the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace that affect their eligibility for health care coverage; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to any decision of the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace made prior to, on or after the effective date of this Act that may be appealed to the Department of Health and Human Services' administrative hearings unit.'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment provides that the bill applies to any decision of the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace made prior to, on or after the effective date of this legislation that may be appealed to the Department of Health and Human Services' administrative hearings unit.

The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.