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**An Act To Protect Doctors Who Prescribe a Complementary Course
of Treatment and To Provide Insurance Coverage for That
Treatment**

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, DOAK of
Columbia Falls, JOHNSON of Greenville, LONG of Sherman, Senators: THOMAS of
Somerset, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4316-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§4316-A. Complementary medicine**

4 A carrier shall provide coverage in all health plans for medicine or treatment that is
5 prescribed or provided by a physician licensed under Title 32, chapter 48 if that medicine
6 or treatment is within the scope of practice of a person licensed by the Board of
7 Complementary Health Care Providers under Title 32, chapter 113-B.

8 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3282-A, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

9 **3. Not grounds for discipline.** The board may not bring action to refuse to issue,
10 modify, restrict, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the license of an individual licensed
11 under this chapter for any practice, prescription or course of treatment that is within the
12 scope of practice for complementary health care providers licensed under chapter 113-B.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation,
15 Board of Licensure in Medicine may not bring disciplinary action against a physician
16 who prescribes or provides medicine or treatment that is authorized for a complementary
17 health care provider. The bill also requires such treatment to be covered under health
18 insurance plans.