

# **132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE**

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2025

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| S.P. 376             | In Senate, March 4, 2025 |

#### An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senator: BAILEY of York, Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford. 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4326, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 522, §1, is amended
 to read:

4. **Report.** The operator of the consumer assistance program shall report to the Attorney General, according to the requirements of the contract under subsection  $\pm 3$ , on aggregate data relevant to the services provided by and activities of the consumer assistance program, and annually, by January  $\pm 5$ th  $\pm 31$ st, the Attorney General shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters on the aggregate data.

## 10 Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent
health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance
Consumer Assistance Program, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A,
section 4326.

| 18 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS       | 2025-26   | 2026-27   |
|----|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 19 | All Other                         | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
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| 21 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
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22 SUMMARY

This bill provides ongoing funding to the Office of the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. The bill also changes the date for the report required from the Attorney General regarding aggregate data relevant to the services provided by and activities of the consumer assistance program and corrects a cross-reference.