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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 949, L.D. 1314, Bill, “An Act To Extend Protections for Genetic Information”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2159-C, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Use of information obtained through direct-to-consumer genetic testing. In connection with the issuance, withholding, extension or renewal of an insurance policy for life, credit life, disability, long-term care, accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity or credit accident insurance or an annuity, an insurer may not request, require, purchase or use information obtained from an entity providing direct-to-consumer genetic testing without the informed written consent of the individual who has been tested.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires that an insurer obtain the informed written consent of an individual before requesting, requiring, purchasing or using any information from an entity providing direct-to-consumer genetic testing in connection with the issuance, withholding, extension or renewal of an insurance policy for life, credit life, disability, long-term care, accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity or credit accident insurance or an annuity.

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