

LD 995 – An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons

Support

LD 1404 - An Act Requiring Insurance Companies to Cover the Care of Expectant Mothers in Adoption Cases and Provide Notice of That Coverage to Pregnant Women

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Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee:

My name is Heather Sirocki. I am a member of the Maine Right to Life Committee and a resident of Scarborough.

Requiring health insurance carriers to cover the cost of an additional opinion before any procedures or treatment that involves the possibility of terminating the life of another being is ethical and logical.

Thus, I urge support for LD 995.

We all know that health care and health insurance is expensive.

We also know that prenatal care helps babies begin life with a strong start, and we know that mothers may encounter unexpected health events during pregnancy and delivery. And we know many people seek out babies to adopt.

It is sad to think a pregnant woman may decide to abort their child due to concerns regarding access to healthcare.

It makes sense to allow adoptive parents the ability to temporarily include a birth mother on their policies before, during, and after the delivery.

With stagnant population growth, Maine has been the oldest state in the nation for many years running.

According to the Maine CDC, Maine women abort, on average, 5 babies per day or 150 babies per month. That is about 1,900 babies per year.

This common sense bill could help encourage more pregnant women to choose adoption for their babies.

I urge support of LD 1404.