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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 extends the provision permitting health insurance carriers to offer financial incentives to enrollees to use designated health care providers under a health plan; and

**Whereas,** if this Legislature does not act, that provision will be repealed July 1, 2007; and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 in Part B in section 5 in subsection 1 in the last blocked paragraph (page 5, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following "2007" and inserting the following: '20072009'

Amend the bill in Part C by striking out all of section 1 (page 10, line 40 and page 11, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**Sec. C-1. 24-A MRSA §2850-B, sub-§3, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 445, §30 and affected by §32, is amended to read:

D. In the large or small group market, for noncompliance with the carrier's minimum participation requirements ~~that, which may not exceed 75%the participation requirement when the policy was issued;~~

**Sec. C-2. 24-A MRSA §2850-B, sub-§3, ¶F-1** is enacted to read:

F-1. When the carrier ceases offering individual health plans in compliance with section 2736-C, subsection 4 and does not renew any existing policies in that market;'

Amend the bill in Part F in section 1 in subsection 1-B in the 2nd line (page 13, line 5 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "policyholders" the following: ',' and in the 3rd line (page 13, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "subsection 1-A" the following: ','

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.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the law relating to participation requirements at renewal of a policy to make it consistent with the law relating to participation requirements at the time a policy is issued. The

amendment extends for 2 years the provision allowing financial incentives under Bureau of Insurance Rule Chapter 850. The amendment also corrects grammatical and punctuation errors.