

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LD 663 - An Act Regarding Health Care

Summary: This is currently a concept draft.

Implications: Unknown Currently

Upcoming Work Session:

Wed 3/4 10:00 AM @ Cross, Room 220 LD 663

LD 2082 - An Act To Regulate The Use Of Artificial Intelligence In Providing Certain Mental Health Services

Summary: LD 2082 establishes requirements governing the use of artificial intelligence in the delivery of therapy and psychotherapy services in Maine. The amendment allows licensed mental health professionals to use AI for administrative and certain supplementary support functions, provided the professional maintains oversight, obtains informed client consent, and complies with confidentiality requirements. The bill prohibits AI from independently providing therapy, engaging in therapeutic communication with clients, or making treatment decisions without review by a licensed professional, and restricts unlicensed entities from offering AI-based therapy services to the public.

Implications: The proposal seeks to ensure patient protection and professional accountability as AI tools are introduced into behavioral health care. However, the definitions are broad and the restrictions and liability framework may limit adoption of emerging digital health care technologies, increase compliance obligations for providers, and create uncertainty for companies developing AI-enabled health tools operating in Maine. The bill could shape how quickly AI-supported care models expand in the state, with potential impacts on innovation, provider efficiency, and access to health services.

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LD 2162 - An Act To Regulate And Prevent Children's Access To Artificial Intelligence Chatbots With Human-like Features And Social Artificial Intelligence Companions

Summary: establishes restrictions on artificial intelligence chatbots and “social AI” systems, particularly those accessible to minors. The bill prohibits certain human-like or socially interactive AI features for users under age 18 and requires companies deploying covered AI systems to implement safeguards, including age verification and data use limitations. It also creates enforcement authority and allows private legal action on behalf of minors for alleged violations.

Implications: The legislation would require businesses developing or deploying AI tools to implement age-verification systems and reassess how AI products are designed, offered, and accessed in Maine. As drafted, the bill could apply broadly beyond consumer-facing AI companions, potentially affecting productivity tools, customer service platforms, and research technologies. It may increase compliance costs, data privacy risks associated with collecting sensitive identification information, and legal exposure due to the creation of a private right of action.