An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, GATTINE of Westbrook, MEYER of Eliot, MORALES of South Portland,
Senators: SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-G, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. OO, §1, is amended to read:

A. A qualified woman during her pregnancy and up to 60 days 12 months following delivery when the woman's family income is equal to or below 200% of the nonfarm income official poverty line;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-G, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by IB 2017, c. 1, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

G. A person who is a noncitizen legally admitted to the United States to the extent that coverage is allowable by federal law if the person is:

    (1) A woman during her pregnancy and up to 60 days 12 months following delivery; or

    (2) A child under 21 years of age; and

SUMMARY

This bill extends from 60 days to 12 months the period of time following delivery of a baby that a woman may be eligible for services under MaineCare.