

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## STATE OF MAINE

## SENATE

## 132ND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 205, L.D. 467, "An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Part B Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

## Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to cover 100% of certain retired state employees' shares of Medicare Part B premiums effective January 1, 2026.

| GENERAL FUND       | 2025-26 | 2026-27     |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|
| All Other          | \$0     | \$1,524,652 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$0     | \$1,524,652 |

| HIGHWAY FUND       | 2025-26 | 2026-27   |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|
| All Other          | \$0     | \$530,314 |
| HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL | \$0     | \$530,314 |

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

## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 205, L.D. 467 (5-113)

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 467****LR 851(02)****An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Part B Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(5-113)****Committee: Labor****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

|                                   | <b>FY 2025-26</b> | <b>FY 2026-27</b> | <b>Projections<br/>FY 2027-28</b> | <b>Projections<br/>FY 2028-29</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>         |                   |                   |                                   |                                   |
| General Fund                      | \$0               | \$1,524,652       | \$1,524,652                       | \$1,524,652                       |
| Highway Fund                      | \$0               | \$530,314         | \$530,314                         | \$530,314                         |
| <b>Appropriations/Allocations</b> |                   |                   |                                   |                                   |
| General Fund                      | \$0               | \$1,524,652       | \$1,524,652                       | \$1,524,652                       |
| Highway Fund                      | \$0               | \$530,314         | \$530,314                         | \$530,314                         |

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The State Employee Health Plan's first impacted plan year will be fiscal year 2026-27 and is estimated to cost \$3,314,460 annually thereafter. The costs are split across the General Fund (\$1,524,652), Highway Fund (\$530,314) and all other funds (\$1,259,495). This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,524,652 and ongoing Highway Fund allocations of \$530,314 beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 to the State Employee Health Plan to provide 100% coverage of certain retired state employees' shares of Medicare Part B premiums for retirees not eligible for benefits under the United States Social Security Act whose base annual pension benefit is projected to be less than or equal to the maximum amount of the retirement benefits that is subject to the cost-of-living adjustment effective January 1, 2026.