

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Pay for One Hundred Percent of Health Insurance Plans  
for State Employees.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 285, sub-§ 4, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 4 of section 285 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 543 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 1 of chapter 588 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

During any period in which an employee is insured in conformity with this section, there shall be withheld by payroll deduction or deductions an amount equal to his dependent's share of the cost of said insurance ~~and 50% of the employee's share of the insurance cost.~~

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 285, sub-§ 7, amended.** Subsection 7 of section 285 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 588 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

**7. Payment by State.** The State of Maine, through the board of trustees, shall pay ~~50%~~ 100% of only the employee's share of this insurance cost.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Employees' Group Health Insurance Program the sum of \$200,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**Sec. 4. Utilization of other funds.** The employer's share of the cost for employees in departments supported by the General Highway Fund, Special

Revenue Funds or other funds shall be provided from funds available to the department and not from the General Fund.

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective July 1, 1971.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this legislation is to adjust the benefits of state employees to reflect competitive benefits now being paid by cities, towns, commerce and industry throughout the State of Maine. It is further intended to extend coverage of this Act to all classified university employees. The appropriations for university employees are to come from the university budget. The board of trustees is urged to act accordingly.