

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 471

H. P. 364

House of Representatives, January 28, 1971

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

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

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 \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and the sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, to pay, as of the first pay period after July 1, 1971, the share of costs for Health Insurance for employees within departments supported by the General Fund.

Sec. 4. Utilization of other funds. Health insurance payments of employees in departments supported by the General Highway Fund, Special

Revenue Funds or other funds shall not be paid from the moneys provided in section 3 of this Act, but shall be paid from funds available to the departments from other sources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present law provides for state payment of $\frac{1}{2}$ the employee member's cost only of health insurance for the period beginning January 1, 1971 through June 30, 1971. It is the intent of this bill to provide for full payment by the State of the employee member's cost only of health insurance for the period beginning July 1, 1971 through June 30, 1973.