

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 601

H. P. 447

House of Representatives, February 4, 1971

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Life Insurance Premiums of State
Employees.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 1151, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1151 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 189 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the State of Maine shall pay the premium for the first \$5,000 of the total amount of basic group life insurance to which each appointive officer or employee of the State of Maine is eligible, except that the State shall not pay the premium for any such officer or employee who has signified his desire not to be insured, as provided in subsection 4.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$140,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, and the sum of \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Life insurance coverage offers some economic protection for those whom the insured leaves behind. Such coverage is a necessity today. Too often, however, the cost of life insurance prohibits a person from purchasing it.

Many states have seen fit to absorb the cost of varying amounts of group life coverage for their employees (\$4,000 to \$21,000). This Act would have the State of Maine pay for the first \$5,000 of basic group life insurance to which its employees are eligible.