

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 160

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Silverman of Calais.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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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.** 5 MRSA, § 285, sub-§ 4, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 588, § 1, is further amended to read:

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.** 5 MRSA, § 285, sub-§ 7, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 588, § 2, is amended to read:

**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. Utilization of other funds.** The employer's share of the costs for employees in departments supported by the Highway Fund, Special Revenue Funds or other funds shall not be made from the moneys provided in section 4 of this Act, but shall be paid from funds available to the departments from their own sources.

**Sec. 4. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Employees' Group Health Insurance Program the sum of \$1,372,178 to carry out the purposes of this Act, and to pay, as of the first pay period after July 1, 1975, the increased share of the costs for Health Insurance for employees within departments supported by the General Fund.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The present law provides for State payment of 50% of the employee member's health insurance premium costs. It does not apply to employee member's dependents' costs. It is the intent of this Act to provide full payment by the State of the employee member's health insurance premium costs consistent with the trend in public jurisdictions, and commerce and industry throughout Maine.