

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 822

S. P. 262

In Senate, March 10, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Authorizing Health Insurance Coverage for Fifteen Retired State Troopers.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in February, 1972, 15 retired state troopers were erroneously enrolled in the **Main State Employees Health Insurance Program**; and

Whereas, these enrollments which were solicited in error have been properly removed from the plan due to ineligibility; and

Whereas, having acted in good faith and without fault the 15 individuals involved are in immediate need of state health insurance coverage; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has funds within their budget to reinstate these individuals forthwith if authority is given to the trustees by the Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

State group health coverage authorized; Resolved: That the trustees of the **Maine State Employees Health Insurance Program** be authorized and directed to reinstate the 15 retired state troopers who were erroneously enrolled in the state plan with no break in coverage and that the cost for such coverage be paid from the budget of the Department of Public Safety; and be it further

Resolved: That this authorization shall be limited to the 15 individuals enrolled in error in February, 1972, and shall not be construed to include any other ineligible retired person under the Maine State Employees Health Insurance Plan.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.