

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Governor's Bill)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1889

H. P. 1766

House of Representatives, January 25, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Paradis of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Relating to the Reorganization of the Board of Trustees of the State Employees Group Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance.

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

5 MRSA § 285, sub-§ 2, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 52, is further amended to read:

The provisions of such group insurance policy or policies shall be determined, **insofar as such provisions are not inconsistent with terms and conditions contained in collective bargaining agreements negotiated pursuant to Title 26, chapter 9-B**, by a board of trustees consisting of 5 members, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the ~~Maine State Employees Association~~ **employee organizations certified to represent the majority of employees**; one of whom shall be a retired state employee selected by a majority vote of the Presidents of the Chapters of the Retired State Employees Association; and 2 state employees who shall be appointed by the Governor.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies the role of the Board of Trustees of the Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance Program in determining insurance benefits under the state health plan. Prior to passage of the State Employees Labor Relations Act, the

board of trustees determined all health benefits for state health insurance plans. After passage of the Act, negotiation of health insurance benefits became subject to collective bargaining.

The bill also removes the specific designation of the Maine State Employees Association as the appointing authority of 2 members of the board of trustees and gives that role to whatever employee organization is certified to represent the majority of state employees covered by the State Employees Labor Relations Act.