

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 968

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7 S.P. 323

In Senate, March 3, 1983

8 On Motion of Senator Carpenter of Aroostook referred to the Committee
9 on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Sent down for concurrence and ordered
printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.
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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Equalize Health Insurance Benefits
18 for Retired State Employees.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, as repealed and
23 replaced by PL 1981, c. 270, §1, is amended to read:

24 7. Payment by State. Except as otherwise pro-
25 vided in this subsection, the State, through the
26 board of trustees, shall pay 100% of only the
27 employee's share of this insurance. For any person
28 appointed to a position after November 1, 1981, who
29 is employed less than full time, the State shall pay
30 a share of the employee's share reduced pro rata to
31 reflect the reduced number of work hours.

1 The State, through the board of trustees, shall pay
2 the same percentage of the premium for retired state
3 employee's dependent coverage as the State pays for
4 active employee's dependent coverage. The State
5 shall also pay the premium for Medicare, Part B, for
6 retired state employees who are eligible for Medicare
7 payments.

8 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
9 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
10 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
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12	<u>MAINE STATE RETIREMENT</u>	
13	<u>SYSTEM</u>	
14	Medicare Part B cov-	\$350,000
15	erage	\$350,000
16	Dependent coverage	450,000
17		<u>450,000</u>
18	Total	\$800,000
		<u>\$800,000</u>

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This bill equalizes the treatment of retired
21 state employees under the accident and sickness or
22 health insurance program. The State presently pays
23 the premium for health insurance for the individual
24 state employee or retiree and 50% of the principle
25 for dependents covered by the policy of the active
26 employee only. This bill requires that the State pay
27 50% of dependent coverage premium for retired state
28 employees.

29 In addition, retired state employees who are not
30 eligible for Medicare have their individual health
31 insurance coverage paid by the State. Those who are
32 Medicare eligible must pay for Medicare, Part B,
33 which covers physician services. This bill requires
34 the State to pay the Medicare, Part B premium for
35 those retired state employees so covered.

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