

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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8 S.P. 846

In Senate, March 16, 1984

9 Reported by Senator Clark of Cumberland from the Committee on
10 Business Legislation and printed under Joint Rule 2.

11 Original bill presented by Senator Dow of Kennebec. Cosponsored by
Representative Hickey of Augusta and Representative Perkins of Brooksville.
JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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18 AN ACT to Clarify the Eligibility
19 Provisions for Accident and Sickness or Health
20 Insurance Program for State Employees.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, as amended by PL
25 1981, c. 178, is repealed and the following enacted
26 in its place:

27 1. Eligibility; generally. The following per-
28 sons are eligible for group accident and sickness or
29 health insurance:

30 A. Each appointed or elective officer or employ-
31 ee of the State of Maine who is eligible for mem-
32 bership in the Maine State Retirement System or
33 the State Police Retirement System;

1 B. Any member of the judiciary or workers' com-
2 compensation commissioner;

3 C. Any employee of the Maine State Employees'
4 Credit Union;

5 D. Any employee of the Maine State Employees As-
6 sociation;

7 E. Any employee of Council 74 of the American
8 Federation of State, County and Municipal Employ-
9 ees;

10 F. Any employee of the Maine Turnpike Authority;
11 and

12 G. Subject to subsection 1-A, employees in any
13 of the categories denominated in paragraphs A to
14 F who:

15 (1) On April 26, 1968, have retired and who
16 were covered under plans of insurance which
17 by virtue of Public Law 1967, chapter 543
18 were terminated; or

19 (2) After April 26, 1968, retire and who on
20 the date of their retirement are currently
21 enrolled in this group accident and sickness
22 or health insurance plan.

23 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§§1-A and 1-B are en-
24 acted to read:

25 1-A. Eligibility; retirees. Any person other-
26 wise eligible pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph G,
27 must in addition, in order to be eligible under this
28 section:

29 A. If retiring on a disability retirement, have
30 participated in the group accident and sickness
31 or health insurance plan immediately prior to re-
32 irement; or

33 B. If not retiring on a disability retirement,
34 have participated in the group accident and sick-
35 ness or health insurance plan for at least one
36 year immediately prior to retirement.

1 1-B. Ineligibility. Eligibility under this sec-
2 tion shall not be extended to include members of the
3 Maine Municipal Association or the Maine Teachers As-
4 sociation or employees of counties and municipalities
5 and instrumentalities thereof, including quasi-munic-
6 ipal corporations.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purpose of the original bill, as stated in
9 its title and statement of fact, was to clarify the
10 eligibility provisions for accident and sickness or
11 health insurance of state employees. Because of its
12 history, the section of the law governing eligibility
13 in this regard has become incomprehensible. The ef-
14 fect of the bill, while clarifying the status of cer-
15 tain retirees under the plan, was to further compli-
16 cate the provisions of the current law. This new
17 draft is an attempt to make the eligibility provision
18 clearer, while accomplishing the same effects as the
19 original bill.

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