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L.D. 246

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 212, L.D. 246,
Bill, "AN ACT to Prevent Discrimination Against Re-
tired Maine Residents who have Previously been Mem-
bers of the Maine State Retirement System."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the
following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by
PL 1983, c. 692, §1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

(3) After December 2, 1986, and after
reaching normal retirement age, cease to be
members of the Legislature and are recipi-
ents of retirement allowances from the Maine
State Retirement System based upon credit-
able service as teachers, as defined by sec-
tion 1001, subsection 25. This paragraph
shall also apply to former members who are
not members on December 3, 1986.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

1 8. Payment by Maine State Retirement System. The
2 Maine State Retirement System shall pay 100% of only
3 the retiree's share of the premiums for this insur-
4 ance for persons who were previously eligible for
5 this insurance pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph A
6 and who have subsequently become eligible pursuant to
7 subsection 1, paragraph G.

8 Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1062, sub-§1, as amended by PL
9 1965, c. 337, §1, is further amended to read:

10 1. Funds. All of the assets of the retirement
11 system shall be credited, according to the purpose
12 for which they are held, among 5 funds, namely, the
13 Members' Contribution Fund, the Retirement Allowance
14 Fund, the Expense Fund, the Survivors' Benefit Fund
15 ~~and the~~, Retirement Allowance Adjustment Fund and the
16 State Employees Health Insurance Fund.

17 Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §1062, sub-§7-A is enacted to
18 read:

19 7-A. State Retiree Health Insurance Fund. The
20 State Retiree Health Insurance Fund shall be the fund
21 to which shall be credited all money provided by the
22 State to pay premiums for group accident and sickness
23 or health insurance for persons eligible for these
24 payments pursuant to section 285, subsection 8. All
25 such premiums paid by the retirement system shall be
26 paid from this fund. Biennially, the board of trust-
27 ees shall estimate the amount of money which shall be
28 deemed necessary to be paid into the State Retiree
29 Health Insurance Fund during the ensuing biennium to
30 provide for the payment of state retirees health in-
31 surance premiums and that amount shall be paid by the
32 State to the State Retiree Health Insurance Fund for
33 this purpose. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse
34 but shall constitute a continuous carrying account.

35 Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act shall take ef-
36 fect on December 3, 1986.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Retired teachers who become members of the Legis-
3 lature are entitled to participate in the group acci-
4 dent and sickness or health insurance program for
5 state employees, but unlike other Legislators are not
6 permitted to continue in the program after they leave
7 the Legislature. Section 1 rectifies this discrimina-
8 tory practice. Sections 2, 3 and 4 place in the laws
9 the authority for the payment of premiums for
10 retirees health insurance which is now based upon the
11 Private and Special Laws of 1973, chapter 100, sec-
12 tion 20.

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