

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 511

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7 S.P. 193

In Senate, February 12, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans  
9 suggested.

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

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Vose of Eastport, Senator Gauvreau of  
Androscoggin and Representative Aliberti of Lewiston.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Provide an Accident and Sickness  
18 or Health Insurance Program to Retired  
19 Teachers.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 5 MRSA §285-A is enacted to read:

24 §285-A. Group accident and sickness or health insur-  
25 ance.

26 Group accident and sickness or health insurance  
27 shall be available to retired teacher members of the  
28 Maine State Retirement System subject to the follow-  
29 ing.

30 1. Eligibility; retired teacher members. Any  
31 retired teacher who receives a pension from the Maine  
32 State Retirement System to be eligible for group ac-  
33 cident and sickness or health insurance must, in ad-  
34 dition, meet the following conditions:

1        A. If retiring on a disability retirement, have  
2        participated in the Maine Teachers Association  
3        group accident and sickness or health insurance  
4        plan immediately prior to retirement; or

5        B. If not retiring on a disability retirement,  
6        have participated in the Maine Teachers Associa-  
7        tion group accident and sickness or health insur-  
8        ance plan for at least one year immediately prior  
9        to retirement.

10        2. Coverage. Each retired teacher member of the  
11        Maine State Retirement System who meets eligibility  
12        requirements shall be eligible for the Maine Teachers  
13        Association group accident and sickness or health in-  
14        surance, including major medical benefits. The group  
15        insurance shall be administered by the Maine Teachers  
16        Association.

17        3. Master policy and certificates. The insur-  
18        ance company or companies or nonprofit organizations,  
19        or both, shall furnish the usual master policy and  
20        certificates. Each insured retired teacher member  
21        shall receive a certificate setting forth the bene-  
22        fits to which entitled, to whom payable, to whom  
23        claims shall be submitted and summarizing the provi-  
24        sions of the policy principally affecting the retired  
25        teacher member.

26        4. Payment by State. The State shall pay 100%  
27        of only the retired teacher member's share of this  
28        insurance on a monthly basis.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           This bill provides for the State to pay for the  
3 group accident and sickness or health insurance on  
4 behalf of eligible retired teachers. The State pres-  
5 ently provides, without cost, group accident and  
6 sickness or health insurance on behalf of retired  
7 state employees. This bill provides parity between  
8 retired teachers and retired state employees.  
9 Teachers are considered to be state employees for re-  
10 tirement purposes. The eligibility requirements for  
11 participation in the Maine Teachers Association  
12 health plan by retired teachers are the same require-  
13 ments as those that presently exist.

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