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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document No. 843 S.P. 293 In Senate, March 20, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested and ordered printed. JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Senator RANDALL of Washington, Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec, Representative GOULD of Greenville. STATE OF MAINE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN AN ACT to Provide an Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance Program to Retired Teachers. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 5 MRSA §285-A is enacted to read: Group accident and sickness or health insur-

Group accident and sickness or health insurance

shall be available to retired teacher members of the

Maine State Retirement System subject to the follow-

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1	1. Eligibility; retired teacher members. Any
2	retired teacher who receives a pension from the Maine
3	State Retirement System shall be eligible for group
4	accident and sickness or health insurance, provided
5	that the retired teacher also meets the eligibility
6	requirements for participation by retired teachers
7	imposed by the group plan that governed the teacher
Ω	last as an active teacher

- 2. Master policy and certificates. The insurance company or companies or nonprofit organizations, or both, shall furnish the usual master policy and certificates. Each insured retired teacher member shall receive a certificate setting forth the benefits to which entitled, to whom payable, to whom claims shall be submitted and summarizing the provisions of the policy principally affecting the retired teacher member.
- 18 3. Payment by State. The State shall pay 100%
 19 of only the retired teacher member's share of this
 20 insurance on a monthly basis.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

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22 This bill provides for the State to pay for 23 group accident and sickness or health insurance on 24 behalf of eligible retired teachers. The State pres-25 ently provides, without cost, group accident 26 sickness or health insurance on behalf of retired 27 This bill provides parity between state employees. 28 retired teachers and retired state employees. 29 ers are considered to be state employees for retire-30 ment purposes. The eligibility requirements for par-31 ticipation in the group accident and sickness 32 health plan by retired teachers would be the same re-33 quirements as those governing the teacher as an ac-34 tive teacher.