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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 570, L.D. 1703,
Bill, "AN ACT to Ensure the Availability of Group Ac-
cident and Sickness and Health Insurance to Retired
Teachers."

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

'20-A MRSA c. 505-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 505-A

RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE

§13461. Eligibility for group plan

Retired teachers eligible to participate in a
group accident and sickness and health insurance plan
are governed by the following.

1. Access to a group plan. The group accident
and sickness and health insurance plan that is in ef-
fect for active teachers in a public school system
must be made available to all teachers eligible under
subsection 2, who retired under the Maine State Re-
tirement System when they left that system and who
choose to participate in the new plan. The rate for
the insurance coverage shall be the same as the rate
provided for active teachers in that school system.

2. Eligible retired teachers. Retired teachers
who had participated, at the time of retirement, in
the group accident and sickness and health insurance
plan offered by the public school for one year imme-
diately prior to retirement or since they had become
employed by the unit, whichever came later, shall be

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1 eligible to participate in whatever group plan that
2 school unit offers to its active teachers.

3 3. School units which change plans. If a school
4 unit changes its group health insurance plan or
5 provider, the school unit at the time that it trans-
6 fers active teachers to the new plan or provider
7 shall inform all retired teachers who participate in
8 the group accident and health insurance plan through
9 prior employment with that school unit of the change,
10 detailing the provisions of both the old and new
11 plans. Any retired teacher eligible under this sub-
12 section, within 90 days of notification of the
13 change, may request to be transferred to the new plan
14 or provider.'

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This amendment clarifies the original intent of
17 the bill which was to ensure that retired teachers
18 have access to group accident and health insurance
19 and that the rates for retired teachers are compara-
20 ble to those for active teachers.

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