

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1563 House of Representatives, January 25, 1988  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the  
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and  
Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative WILLEY of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Representative HICKEY of Augusta and  
Senator RANDALL of Washington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

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1           **AN ACT to Continue State Benefits to Retired**  
2           **Teachers who have Joined a New Insurance**  
3           **Plan upon Retirement.**  
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6 follows:

7           20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§1, as enacted by PL  
8 1987, c. 450, §§2 and 3, is amended to read:

1 1. Eligibility; retired teacher members. Any  
2 retired teacher who receives a retirement benefit from  
3 the Maine State Retirement System shall be eligible  
4 for group accident and sickness or health insurance,  
5 provided that the retired teacher also meets the  
6 eligibility requirements for participation imposed by  
7 the group plan that governed the teacher last as an  
8 active teacher and participated in the plan for one  
9 year immediately prior to retirement or October 1,  
10 1987, whichever comes last. Any retired teacher who  
11 otherwise qualifies for the payment by the State of  
12 10% of the retired teacher's share of insurance as  
13 provided in subsection 3 shall continue to receive the  
14 10% payment, notwithstanding the teacher's replacement  
15 of the group plan after retirement with any other  
16 insurance plan, so long as the new insurer is  
17 authorized to transact insurance in this State.  
18 Retired teachers may not be required to maintain a  
19 dues paying membership in any organization as a  
20 requirement for participation in a group health  
21 insurance plan under this subsection.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 As originally enacted, the Maine Revised Statutes,  
24 Title 20-A, section 13451 provided that the State,  
25 through the Maine State Retirement System, was to pay  
26 10% of a retired teacher member's share of the group  
27 accident and sickness or health insurance plan under  
28 which the retired teacher was last covered as an  
29 active teacher. The unintended effect of this section  
30 was to preclude the 10% payment to those retired  
31 teachers who had switched to a different insurance  
32 plan upon their retirement. This bill provides for  
33 the continuation of the State's 10% payment of the  
34 retired teacher's share of insurance to those retired  
35 teachers who have replaced their previous group plan  
36 with a new insurance plan upon retirement.

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