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S.P. 202

In Senate, February 27, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative STEVENSON of Unity and Representative HICKEY of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Allow Certain Former State Employees to be Eligible for State Health Insurance.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶F-2,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
5 735, §6, is amended to read:

7 F-2. Any employee of the Maine Maritime Academy; and

9 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶G,** as repealed and replaced by
11 PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §11, is amended to read:

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

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

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

31 (3) After December 2, 1986, and after reaching normal
33 retirement age, cease to be members of the Legislature
35 and are recipients of retirement allowances from the
37 Maine State Retirement System based upon creditable
39 service as teachers, as defined by section 1001,
41 subsection 25. This paragraph shall also apply to
43 former members who were members on December 2, 1986; or

45 (4) After December 2, 1986, and not yet normal
47 retirement age, cease to be members of the Legislature
49 and are recipients of retirement allowances from the
51 Maine State Retirement System based upon creditable
 service as teachers, as defined by section 1001,
 subsection 25. This paragraph also applies to former
 members who were members on December 2, 1986; and

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. A former employee, as defined in paragraph A, who left
 State service prior to reaching 60 years of age but with at
 least 15 years service and who meets the following
 qualifications:

(1) Retires upon or after reaching 60 years of age; and

(2) Was, on the date of leaving State service,
 enrolled in the group accident and sickness or health
 insurance plan as an employee.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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Currently, persons who leave State employment prior to retirement but with at least 10 years of service are eligible for retirement benefits at age 60 but are not eligible for continuance of state health insurance, as are persons who retire directly from state service regardless of the length of their service. This bill makes eligible for state insurance upon their ultimate retirement persons who left state employment with at least 15 years service, provided that they were enrolled in the state insurance plan at the time of leaving.