

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1128

House of Representatives, May 9, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Representative HICKEY of Augusta, Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec and Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Provide an Opportunity to Claim Medical Benefits for  
Persons Previously Covered under a Spouse's Policy.**

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

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

5       C-1. A person who was, at the date of leaving state  
7       service, eligible under this section for enrollment in the  
9       group accident and sickness or health insurance plan as a  
11       retiree and who is enrolled in the group accident and  
13       sickness or health insurance plan as the surviving spouse of  
15       a retiree may, within a period of 6 months after the  
17       effective date of this subsection, enroll in the group  
19       accident and sickness or health insurance plan as a retiree.

21       **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 731,  
23       §3, is further amended to read:

25       3. Enrollment. Any employee eligible under this section  
27       may join within the first 60 days of employment or during a  
29       declared open enrollment period. The filing of necessary  
31       applications shall be the responsibility of the employer.  
33       Effective dates under this section shall be at the discretion of  
35       the commission, with the exception of the date specified in  
      subsection 1, paragraph C-1.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

29       This bill allows former state employees, who were eligible  
31       for state health insurance coverage at the date of leaving state  
33       service because of that service and who were also eligible for  
35       coverage, and are in fact covered, as surviving spouses of former  
      state employees, to enroll in the state health insurance plan in  
      their own capacity as former employees within a period of 6  
      months after the effective date of this bill.