

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 759, L.D. 1984, Bill, "An Act to Require the State to Pay a Portion of Retired State Employees' Medicare Costs"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Supplemental coverage; Medicare-eligible retirees. For those retirees who are otherwise eligible for coverage under this section, but are also eligible for Medicare, the Maine State Retirement System shall pay 30% of only the retirees' share of the premiums for Medicare Part B.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1990-91

FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF  
Reserve for Retirement Contributions

Personal Services \$221,690

Provides funds to cover the cost of increased General Fund retirement contributions resulting from state payment of 30% of the Medicare Part B premiums for retired state employees.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF

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Reserve for Retirement Contributions

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Personal Services \$56,400

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Provides funds to cover the cost of increased Highway Fund retirement contributions resulting from state payment of 30% of the Medicare Part B premiums for retired state employees.

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Sec. 4. Expenditure in excess of allocations. Expenditure of funds other than from the General Fund and the Highway Fund may, during the biennium, exceed legislatively authorized allocations by the amount necessary to cover the increase in retirement rates required to carry out the intent of this Act.

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FISCAL NOTE

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Appropriations/Allocations 1990-91

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General Fund \$221,690

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Highway Fund \$56,400

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This bill will increase employer contribution to the Maine State Retirement System in order to fund 30% of Medicare Part B premiums for retired state employees. The increased contribution rates will require total General Fund appropriations of \$221,690 and Highway Fund allocations of \$56,400 in fiscal year 1990-91 to be set aside in reserve. Other state programs funded by other governmental funds will also experience increased Personal Services costs which may require increased allotments. The total cost of this bill to State Government in fiscal year 1990-91 is \$391,677.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The original bill required the Maine State Retirement System to pay 30% of Medicare Part B premiums of state retirees and provide supplemental insurance to equalize Medicare benefits with the state plan.

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This amendment eliminates the provision dealing with supplemental insurance and adds an appropriation section, an allocation section and other fiscal information.