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H.P. 308

House of Representatives, February 7, 1991

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MacBRIDE of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle, Representative AULT of Wayne and Representative STEVENSON of Unity.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Require 10 Years of State Service for Retirees to be Eligible for Paid Health Insurance.



•	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 1989, c.
4	776, §1, is further amended to read:
6	B. If not retiring on a disability retirement, have participated, as an employee, in the group health plan for
8	at least one year immediately prior to retirement and have at least 10 years of state service; or
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12	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. A, §46, is amended to read:
14	2. Eligibility; retired teacher members. Any retired teacher who receives a retirement benefit from the Maine State
16	Retirement System shall—be is eligible for group accident and sickness or health insurance if that retired teacher has at least
18	10 years of service as a teacher and,provided if that the retired teacher also meets the eligibility requirements for
20	participation imposed by the group plan that governed the teacher last as an active teacher and participated in the plan for one
22	year immediately prior to retirement or October 1, 1987, whichever comes last. Retired teachers may not be required to
24	maintain a dues-paying membership in any organization as a requirement for participation in a group health insurance plan
26	under this subsection.
28	Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1, 1993.
30	STATEMENT OF FACT
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34	Currently, members of the Maine State Retirement System are eligible for health insurance benefits at age 60 if they have at

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least one year of service. This bill requires that a person have at least 10 years of service to qualify for paid health insurance

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upon retirement.