

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1021

House of Representatives, April 11, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

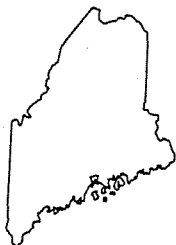
Presented by Representative McHENRY of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Representative RAND of Portland, Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Assist Maine Citizens with Health Insurance Costs.



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

4 22 MRS §3192 is enacted to read:

6 §3192. Maine Health Insurance Assistance Program

8 1. Program created. The Maine Health Insurance Assistance
Program is created to assist citizens of the State with the cost
of health insurance.

10 2. Eligibility. Assistance from the program is provided,
12 to the extent that funds are available, to all citizens of the
State for payment of premiums for individual or group policies
14 for health or hospitalization insurance through an insurer or
nonprofit hospital or medical service organization authorized to
16 do business in the State. A person is eligible for assistance if
the ratio of that person's health insurance premium to that
18 person's income exceeds the ratio of the State average health
insurance premium cost to the state average income.

20 3. Form of assistance. Assistance is provided through the
22 payment of a health or hospitalization insurance premium for an
eligible person directly to the health insurer, hospital or
24 medical service organization.

26 4. Program administration. The Department of Human Services
shall administer the program with assistance provided as needed
28 for statistical purposes by the Bureau of Insurance and the
Department of Labor.

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32 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This bill creates the Maine Health Insurance Assistance
Program to provide financial assistance to Maine citizens whose
36 health insurance costs in proportion to their wages exceed the
state average. The assistance is in the form of direct payment
38 of premiums.