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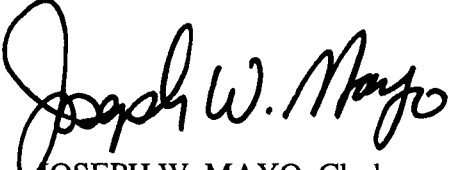
No. 246

H.P. 187

House of Representatives, January 27, 1995

**An Act to Require Legislators to Pay a Portion of Their Health and
Dental Insurance Premiums.**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McELROY of Unity.

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

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1989, c. 776,
4 §1, is further amended to read:

6 **7. Payment by State.** Except as otherwise provided in this
subsection, the State, through the commission, shall pay 100% of
8 only the employee's share of this health plan, except for
Legislators, for whom the State shall pay ~~50% of the health plan~~
10 premium for dependent coverage 80% of the health plan premium for
personal coverage or the cash value of that benefit to the
12 Legislator, if the Legislator so chooses. For any dental
insurance plan covering Legislators, the State, through the
14 commission, shall pay 80% of a Legislator's personal coverage or
the cash value of that benefit to the Legislator, if the
16 Legislator so chooses. A Legislator shall pay the remaining
percentage of the health plan or dental insurance premium. For
18 any person appointed to a position after November 1, 1981, who is
employed less than full time, the State shall pay a share of the
20 employee's share reduced pro rata to reflect the reduced number
of work hours.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires that Legislators covered under a group
health insurance plan or dental insurance plan for Legislators
28 contribute 20% of the insurance premium. The bill also gives
legislators the option of receiving the cash value of the
30 insurance benefits in lieu of the state contribution.