

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 130

H.P. 106

House of Representatives, January 14, 1997

**An Act to Provide Financial Incentives to a Company That Hires and Provides Health Insurance Benefits to a Medicaid Recipient.**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BODWELL of Brunswick, CAMERON of Rumford,  
FRÉCHETTE of Biddeford, LEMONT of Kittery, LOVETT of Scarborough, PLOWMAN of  
Hampden, SHANNON of Lewiston, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3741-G, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

6 7. Health care benefit reimbursement. An employer that  
8 hires a recipient of transitional medical assistance benefits and  
10 provides health care benefits that meet the following  
12 requirements to that employee is entitled to reimbursement  
14 according to this subsection.

16 A. The health care benefits must be similar to or more  
18 comprehensive than the benefits provided under the Medicaid  
20 program.

22 B. Reimbursement is limited to the lesser of the cost to  
24 the State for coverage under the Medicaid program or the  
26 employer's share of the health care benefit premium.

28 C. Reimbursement is limited to the time period during which  
30 the employee would have been eligible for continued  
32 transitional medical assistance benefits under this section.

34 D. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this  
subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are  
major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
subchapter II-A.

### SUMMARY

This bill provides for reimbursement of health care benefit costs to employers that hire recipients of transitional medical assistance under the Medicaid program. The Commissioner of Human Services is required to adopt rules to implement the reimbursement provision.