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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 139, L.D. 418, Bill, "An Act to Amend Certain Benefits Offered Legislators"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 3 to 47 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. C, §1 and c. 80, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in it its place:

7. Payment by State. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the State, through the commission, shall pay 100% of only the employee's share of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission, except for Legislators, for whom the State shall pay 80% of the health plan premium for personal coverage. The State may not pay any of the Legislator's share of the dental plan. For 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 employee's share reduced pro rata to reflect the reduced number of work hours. The State may not pay any portion of the health plan premium for a blind person eligible for the group health plan under subsection 1, paragraph H.

For persons who are first employed before July 1, 1991, the State shall pay 100% of only the retiree's share of the premiums for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the retiree, as authorized by the commission for persons who were previously eligible for this health plan pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph A and who have subsequently become eligible pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph G.

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2 For persons who were first employed by the State after July 1,  
3 1991, the State shall pay a pro rata share portion of only the  
4 retiree's share of the premiums for the standard plan identified  
5 and offered by the commission and available to the retiree, as  
6 authorized by the commission for persons who were previously  
7 eligible for this health plan pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph  
8 A and who have subsequently become eligible pursuant to  
9 subsection 1, paragraph G based on the total number of years of  
10 participation in the group health plan prior to retirement as  
11 follows:

<u>Years of Participation</u>	<u>State Portion</u>
14 <u>10 or more years</u>	<u>100% group health plan premium</u>
16 <u>9 but less than 10 years</u>	<u>90% group health plan premium</u>
18 <u>8 but less than 9 years</u>	<u>80% group health plan premium</u>
20 <u>7 but less than 8 years</u>	<u>70% group health plan premium</u>
22 <u>6 but less than 7 years</u>	<u>60% group health plan premium</u>
24 <u>5 but less than 6 years</u>	<u>50% group health plan premium</u>
26 <u>Less than 5 years</u>	<u>No contribution'</u>

28 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the  
29 following:

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

	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
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40 Personal Services	(\$255,253)	(\$369,731)
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42 Deappropriates funds from  
43 savings that result from  
44 changing the level of the  
45 State's contribution for  
46 Legislators' health and  
47 dental insurance.'

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2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund (\$255,253) (\$369,731)

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14 These changes to the level of the State's contributions for  
16 Legislators' health and dental insurance coverage will result in  
General Fund savings to the Legislature of \$255,253 in fiscal  
18 year 1997-98 and \$369,731 in fiscal year 1998-99. These amounts  
are deappropriated.'

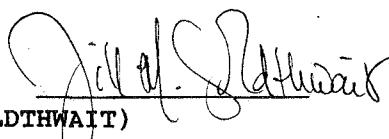
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SUMMARY

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24 This amendment replaces the original bill for the purpose of  
incorporating Public Law 1997, chapters 24 and 80 in order to  
26 avoid a conflict. The amendment does not change the original  
intent of the bill which would require Legislators to pay 20% of  
28 the premium of health insurance coverage, eliminates the State's  
contribution for dependent health care and prohibits the State  
30 from paying any portion of the Legislators' share of a dental  
plan. The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a  
32 fiscal note to the bill.

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SPONSORED BY:   
(Senator GOLDTHWAIT)

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COUNTY: Hancock

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