

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 418

S.P. 139

In Senate, January 23, 1997

An Act to Amend Certain Benefits Offered Legislators.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland, 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 1995, c. 368, Pt. G, §2, is further amended to read:

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 this health plan, except for Legislators, for whom the State shall pay 50% 80% of the health plan premium for dependent personal coverage. The State may not pay any of the Legislators' 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.

For persons who were first employed before July 1, 1991, the State shall pay 100% of only the retiree's share of the premiums for this health plan 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.

For persons who were first employed by the State after July 1, 1991, the State shall pay a pro rata share portion of only the retiree's share of the premiums, as described in this section, for this health plan 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 based on the total number of years of participation in the group health plan prior to retirement as follows:

Years of Participation	State Portion
10 or more years	100% group health plan premium
9 but less than 10 years	90% group health plan premium
8 but less than 9 years	80% group health plan premium
7 but less than 8 years	70% group health plan premium
6 but less than 7 years	60% group health plan premium
5 but less than 6 years	50% group health plan premium
Less than 5 years	No contribution

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SUMMARY

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6 This bill requires that Legislators pay 20% of the premium
8 for health insurance coverage through the State. The bill also
eliminates the State's contribution for dependent health care
coverage and prohibits the State from paying any portion of the
Legislators' share of a dental plan.