

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1140, L.D. 1605, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Towns from Cancelling Health Insurance Provided to Retired Employees"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$2677." in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "officers" and inserting in its place the following: 'employee'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$2677." in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "insurance" the following: 'group rate'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires municipalities to allow former retired employees to continue to receive health insurance at the

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employees' own expense. The additional costs of this state  
mandate are expected to be minor. Pursuant to the Mandate  
Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each  
House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to  
fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

### SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the premium rate that retired  
municipal employees must pay in order to be kept on the  
municipality's health care plan is the group rate. It corrects a  
headnote and adds a mandate preamble. It also adds a fiscal note  
to the bill.