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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 663, L.D. 919, Bill, "An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Costs for Retired State Employees and Retired Teachers"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Maine State Retirement System" and inserting in its place the following: 'State'

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Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Maine State Retirement System" and inserting in its place the following: 'State'

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

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'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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1999-00 2000-01

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Salary Plan

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Personal Services \$697,194 \$929,592

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 663, L.D. 919

2 Provides funds for the
4 Medicare Part B premiums of
retired state employees.

6 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES

8 TOTAL \$697,194 \$929,592

10 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

12 Retired Teachers' Health Insurance

14 All Other \$1,617,935 \$2,157,246

16 Provides funds for the
18 Medicare Part B premiums of
20 retired educators.

22 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TOTAL

\$1,617,935 \$2,157,246

24 APPROPRIATION
TOTAL

\$2,315,129 \$3,086,838

26 Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the
28 Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

30 1999-00 2000-01

32 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
34 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

36 Salary Plan

38 Personal Services \$308,406 \$411,208

40 Provides funds for the
42 Medicare Part B premiums of
retired state employees.

44 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES

46 TOTAL \$308,406 \$411,208'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

1999-00 2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$2,315,129	\$3,086,838
Highway Fund	308,406	411,208

The requirement that the State pay Medicare Part B premiums for retired teachers and state employees will increase employer contributions for retiree health insurance by a total of \$3,258,392 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$4,344,522 in fiscal year 2000-01.

This bill includes additional General Fund appropriations of \$1,617,935 and \$2,157,246 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the retired teachers' portion. General Fund appropriations of \$697,194 and \$929,592 and Highway Fund allocations of \$308,406 and \$411,208 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, are also included and set aside in the salary plan reserve accounts to fund the increases for General Fund and Highway Fund employees. The costs for employees paid by other funds, estimated to be \$634,857 and \$846,476, respectively, may require increased allotments to meet these additional personal services expenditures.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that it is the responsibility of the State to pay the Medicare Part B premiums required in the bill. The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.