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No. 2251

S.P. 852

In Senate, June 3, 1999

An Act to Provide Health Insurance Benefits to Dwight Parsons.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

4 Whereas, Dwight Parsons performed valuable service as a
6 state employee for 30 years; and

8 Whereas, when he retired from employment with the State,
Dwight Parsons did not timely file for health insurance with the
10 State Employee Health Insurance Program; and

12 Whereas, for the past 20 years Dwight Parsons has been
paying for his own health insurance under a private insurer; and

14 Whereas, these payments have grown to become an immediate
16 and ongoing economic burden for Dwight Parsons; and

18 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
20 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
22 safety; now, therefore,

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

26 **Sec. 1. Health insurance benefits to Dwight Parsons.**
Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 13,
28 subchapter II, the Executive Director of Health Insurance shall
provide health insurance benefits to Dwight Parsons under the
30 State Employee Health Insurance Program. These benefits must be
at least equivalent to the benefits Mr. Parsons would have
32 received had he timely filed for health insurance with the State
Employee Health Insurance Program.

34 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
36 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

42 This bill provides health insurance benefits under the State
Employee Health Insurance Program to Dwight Parsons, a 30-year
state employee who did not apply for the health benefits in time.