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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1092, L.D. 1461, Bill, "An Act to Revise the Health Insurance Benefits Available to Retired Legislators"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 1997, c. 652, §1 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

G. Subject to subsection 1-A, employees in any of the categories denominated in paragraphs A to F-1 and paragraph F-3 who:

(1) On April 26, 1968, have retired and who were covered under group health plans that by virtue of Public Law 1967, chapter 543 were terminated;

(2) After April 26, 1968, retire and who on the date of their retirement are currently enrolled in this group health plan as employees. Eligibility under this subparagraph applies to a Legislator only if:

(a) That Legislator has served in the 120th or a prior Legislature; and

(b) That Legislator was eligible under this subparagraph prior to January 1, 2003;

(3) After December 2, 1986, and after reaching normal

2 retirement age, cease to be members of the Legislature
and are recipients of retirement allowances from the
4 Maine State Retirement System based upon creditable
service as teachers, as defined by section 17001,
6 subsection 42. This paragraph also applies to former
members who were members on December 2, 1986;

8 (4) After December 2, 1986, and not yet normal
retirement age, cease to be members of the Legislature
10 and are recipients of retirement allowances from the
Maine State Retirement System based upon creditable
12 service as teachers, as defined by section 17001,
subsection 42. This paragraph also applies to former
14 members who were members on December 2, 1986; or

16 (5) After January 1, 1999, terminate employment under
which they were eligible for the group health plan but
18 do not retire at that time and who satisfy the
requirements of subsection 1-A, paragraph D or
20 paragraph E; and'

22 **FISCAL NOTE**

24 The amendment eliminates the future costs in the original
26 bill by eliminating health insurance benefits for any Legislator
who retires unless the Legislator served in the 120th Legislature
28 and was eligible for health insurance benefits prior to January
1, 2003. As amended, the bill will result in future savings, the
30 amount of which can not be determined at this time.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 Under current retirement law, a Legislator who serves in the
36 Legislature for 5 years or more and who then retires is eligible
to have 50% to 100% of that Legislator's health insurance paid
38 for by the State.

40 This amendment removes that benefit; however, any Legislator
who was eligible for this benefit prior to January 1, 2003 and
42 who served in the 120th Legislature or a prior Legislature
continues to be eligible for this benefit.
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