

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1988

S.P. 729

In Senate, December 18, 2001

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**An Act to Increase the Length of Time in Which a Retired State Employee May Add a Dependent to the Employee's Maine State Health Insurance Plan.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 18, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.  
Cosponsored by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner and  
President BENNETT of Oxford, Senators: CARPENTER of York, CATHCART of  
Penobscot, DAGGETT of Kennebec, KNEELAND of Aroostook, McALEVEY of York,  
President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot, Senators: SAVAGE of Knox, SHOREY of  
Washington, SMALL of Sagadahoc, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representatives: CARR  
of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old Town, ETNIER of Harpswell, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick,  
STEDMAN of Hartland, WESTON of Montville.

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

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

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6       3-B. Annual open enrollment period for retirees. A health  
8       plan offered to a person eligible pursuant to subsection 1,  
10       paragraph G and subsection 1-A must provide an annual 2-week open  
12       enrollment period to allow the insured the option of extending  
14       coverage to dependents, at appropriate rates and under the same  
16       terms and conditions as those benefits are offered during other  
18       declared open enrollment periods.

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#### SUMMARY

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This bill increases the length of time in which a retired state employee may add a dependent to the employee's health insurance plan by establishing an annual 2-week open enrollment period to add dependents.