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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 408, L.D. 1277, Bill, "An Act To Allow a Retiree Eligible for State-paid Health Insurance Coverage To Decline Coverage and Reenroll at a Later Date"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3-C in the 3rd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "coverage under the plan and may" and inserting in its place the following: 'or to withdraw from coverage under the plan and to'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3-C in paragraph C in the 3rd line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "declined" the following: 'or withdrew from'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3-C by striking out all of paragraph D (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'D. An election under this subsection, which may be made only once, must be made either:

(1) At the time of retirement; or

(2) Following retirement, provided the person had elected at the time of retirement to be covered by the state program.

E. If a spouse or dependent of the retiree was enrolled in the plan at the time the retiree withdrew pursuant to this subsection, the spouse or dependent may reenroll if the

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2 spouse or dependent meets the 18-month coverage criteria set  
3 forth in paragraph A. A spouse or dependent who was not  
4 enrolled at the time the retiree withdrew may enroll only if  
5 that person meets the criteria set forth in subsection 3-B,  
6 paragraph B.'

7 Further amend the bill in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1,  
8 line 34 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "decline" the  
9 following: 'or withdraw from'

## 12 SUMMARY

13 The amendment clarifies the timing of an election to  
14 withdraw from the state health insurance plan and to preserve the  
15 option of reenrolling. A person may elect to decline health  
16 insurance coverage at the time of retirement and retain the  
17 option to reenroll pursuant to the provisions of this new law, or  
18 a person may elect to withdraw from health coverage at any time  
19 after retirement, provided the person had elected at the time of  
20 retirement to be covered by the state health insurance plan. It  
21 also clarifies the conditions under which the spouse or dependent  
22 of a retiree may enroll in the state health insurance plan.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

Approved: 04/29/03 *MAC*

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 1277**

**An Act To Allow a Retiree Eligible for State-paid Health Insurance  
Coverage To Decline Coverage and Reenroll at a Later Date**

**LR 0925(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A.S-102***

**Committee: Labor**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**



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**Fiscal Note**

Minor savings - All Funds