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14 **STATE OF MAINE**
16 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
18 **122ND LEGISLATURE**
20 **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

22 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 362, L.D. 487, Bill, "An
24 Act Concerning Payment of Health Insurance Premiums for Surviving
26 Spouses of Maine State Retirement System Members"

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

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

36 3-D. Coverage under group health insurance plan for spouse
38 and dependents after death of retiree. If the spouse or other
40 dependents of a retiree who is eligible pursuant to subsection 1,
42 paragraph G and subsection 1-A are covered by the group health
44 plan and the retiree dies while enrolled in the group health
46 plan, the spouse or dependents must have the opportunity to
48 continue coverage under the plan after the death of the retiree
50 by making the premium payment for the cost of that coverage. In
the case of underage dependent children, coverage must be
available at least until the dependent children reach 19 years of
age.'

42 **SUMMARY**

44 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment guarantees
46 that a spouse or other dependents of a retiree enrolled in the
48 group health plan may continue coverage under the plan after the
50 death of the retiree by making the premium payments for the cost
of that coverage. This protection is similar to current law
covering spouses and other dependents of state employees who die
while in employment.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT