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House of Representatives, February 1, 2005

An Act Concerning Payment of Health Insurance Premiums for Surviving Spouses of Maine State Retirement System Members

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, MARLEY of Portland.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17953, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

6 12. Health insurance premium reimbursement. The board shall
8 reimburse a surviving spouse of a member of the Maine State
10 Retirement System for health insurance premiums paid by the
12 surviving spouse to the extent that those premium payments exceed
14 40% of the surviving spouse's benefits received under this
16 section. The board may adopt rules to implement this
18 subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
20 routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

22 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18003, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

24 5. Health insurance premium reimbursement. The board shall
26 reimburse the surviving spouse of a member of the Maine State
28 Retirement System for health insurance premiums paid by the
30 surviving spouse to the extent that those premium payments exceed
32 40% of the surviving spouse's benefits received under this
34 section. The board may adopt rules to implement this
36 subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
38 routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

40 This bill directs the Board of Trustees of the Maine State
42 Retirement System to reimburse the surviving spouse of a Maine
44 State Retirement System member for any health insurance premiums
46 paid by the surviving spouse that exceed 40% of the retirement
48 benefits received. The bill authorizes the board to adopt
50 routine technical rules for implementation.