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House of Representatives, February 15, 2005

An Act To Assist Municipalities in Recruiting Emergency Services Personnel

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and

Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BOWEN of Rockport, CLARK of Millinocket, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, NASS of Acton, PINGREE of North Haven, RINES of Wiscasset, Senator: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2706** is enacted to read:

6 **§2706. Emergency services personnel; participation in group
health plan offered to municipal employees**

8 If a group health plan is made available to municipal
10 employees, a municipality must offer coverage under that group
12 health plan to a person employed by or under contract to a
14 municipality or municipalities to provide emergency services as
16 defined in section 451, subsection 5. A municipality is not
required to pay any portion of the premium for the group health
plan for a person eligible for coverage under this section unless
required to do so under a collective bargaining agreement or
other contractual obligation.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires a municipality to offer coverage under a
22 group health plan provided to its employees to a person employed
24 by or under contract with the municipality to provide emergency
services. The bill does not require that a municipality pay for
coverage for emergency services personnel.