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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 706, L.D. 1021, Bill, "An Act To Implement Task Force Recommendations Relating to Parity and Portability of Benefits for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters"

Amend the amendment in Part A in section 2 in subsection 11-A in the 5th line (page 1, line 45 in amendment) by striking out the following: "July" and inserting in its place the following: 'January'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 2 in subsection 11-A in the 11th line (page 2, line 5 in amendment) by striking out the following: "July" and inserting in its place the following: 'January'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 2 in subsection 11-A in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) in the 2nd line (page 2, line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following: "May 1, 2007" and inserting in its place the following: 'November 1, 2006'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 2 in subsection 11-A in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) in the last line (page 2, line 17 in amendment) by striking out the following: "July" and inserting in its place the following: 'January'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 2 in subsection 11-A in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in the 2nd line (page 2, line 20 in amendment) by striking out the following: "May 1, 2007" and inserting in its place the following: 'November 1, 2006'

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Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 2 in  
subsection 11-A in paragraph A in subparagraph (3) in the 4th  
line (page 2, line 28 in amendment) by striking out the  
following: "July" and inserting in its place the following:  
'January'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 3 in §286-M  
in subsection 5 in the 9th line (page 6, line 1 in amendment) by  
striking out the following: "July" and inserting in its place  
the following: 'January'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 3 in §286-M  
in subsection 6 in paragraph A in the 10th line (page 6, line 43  
in amendment) by striking out the following: "July" and  
inserting in its place the following: 'January'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 3 in §286-M  
in subsection 6 in paragraph B in the 11th line (page 7, line 18  
in amendment) by striking out the following: "July" and  
inserting in its place the following: 'January'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 3 in §286-M  
in subsection 8 in paragraph A in the 3rd line (page 8, line 1 in  
amendment) by striking out the following: "1.5%" and inserting  
in its place the following: '2%'

Further amend the amendment by inserting at the end before  
the summary the following:

'Further amend the bill by adding after Part B the following:

### **'PART C**

**Sec. C-1. Budget Stabilization Fund transfer.** Notwithstanding  
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 142, the State  
Controller shall transfer \$1,359,245 from the Maine Budget  
Stabilization Fund to the Firefighters and Law Enforcement  
Officers Health Insurance Program Fund no later than June 30,  
2007.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.'

### **SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the effective date of health  
insurance coverage under the program from July 1, 2007 to January  
1, 2007. This amendment provides funding for the program by  
transferring funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

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This amendment also increases the required contribution of active  
employee enrollees from 1.5% to 2% of gross wages.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

SPONSORED BY: *Les Snowe-Mello*  
(Senator SNOWE-MELLO)

COUNTY: Androscoggin

**122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1021****LR 0263(08)****An Act To Implement Task Force Recommendations Relating to Parity and Portability of Benefits for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters****Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "B"****Sponsor: Sen. Snowe-Mello****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****Fiscal Note**

	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>Projections 2007-08</b>	<b>Projections 2008-09</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$410,292)	(\$429,986)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$410,292)	(\$429,986)
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Funds	\$0	\$195,750	\$410,292	\$429,986

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The amendment changes the effective date of the health insurance subsidy program from July 1, 2007 to January 1, 2007 and funds the cost of the subsidy during this six-month period with an increase in the assessment from 1.5% to 2%, and with a one-time transfer of \$1,359,245 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. The increase in the assessment to 2% also decreases the estimated General Fund cost of the subsidy in 2007-08 and 2008-09.

**Funding Summary - as Amended**

	<b>Projections 2007-08</b>	<b>Projections 2007-08</b>	<b>Projections 2008-09</b>
Total Estimated Subsidy	\$2,061,245	\$4,534,739	\$4,988,212
Estimated Administrative Costs	\$81,000	\$109,392	\$111,894
Total Estimated Costs	\$2,142,245	\$4,644,131	\$5,100,106
Estimated Collections from 1.5% Assessment	(\$587,250)	(\$1,230,876)	(\$1,289,958)
Additional Collections from 2.0% Assessment	(\$195,750)	(\$410,292)	(\$429,986)
Transfer from Budget Stabilization Fund	(\$1,359,245)	\$0	\$
General Fund Subsidy Net of Assessments	\$0	\$3,002,963	\$3,380,162