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An Act To Protect Military Families

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Presented by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
4	Whereas, members of the Maine Army National Guard are
6	currently serving in combat zones; and
8	Whereas, it is imperative that this legislation take effect
10	immediately so that insurance policies may be provided to the guard members who are currently serving in combat zones; and
12	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
14	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16	safety; now, therefore,
18	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
20	Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §385, first \P , as enacted by PL 1983, c. 460, §3, is amended to read:
22	The Adjutant General may enter into insurance agreements
24	with insurance companies for group life insurance on behalf of each participating nationalquardsman National Guard member
26	called to state active duty and to pay from departmental funds the cost of each individual's premium for that insurance. \underline{A}
28	National Guard member who is serving in a combat zone must be provided with a \$250,000 life insurance policy that must be paid
30	for from departmental funds.
32	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
34	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
36	SUMMARY
38	This bill provides a \$250,000 life insurance policy free to members of the Maine Army National Guard who go into combat zones.