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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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122ND LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT ^A to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1491,
9 L.D. 2098, Bill, "An Act Authorizing Participation in the State Group Health Plan for
10 Retiring Legislators"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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**'An Act Authorizing Participation in the State Group Health Plan for
14 Retiring Legislators and Relating to Certain Benefits for Legislators'**

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Further amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, sub-§1 is enacted to read:

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1. Disability benefits. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in order
18 to ensure that a disability annuity or payment to which a member of the Legislature is
19 entitled is not reduced or lost, the member may file a written notice with the Executive
20 Director of the Legislative Council within one week after the biennium commences or
21 within 30 days of becoming eligible to receive a disability annuity or payment stating that
22 the member waives all or a portion of amounts to which the member would otherwise be
23 entitled under this section. Upon filing such a waiver, the member is entitled to receive
24 only such amounts as the member has not waived. A waiver under this subsection does
25 not affect the coverage of or state contributions to any benefits to which the member is
26 entitled as a Legislator, unless the waiver expressly includes a waiver of such benefits. A
27 waiver under this subsection applies to the term or remainder of the term of office to
28 which the member is elected.'

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Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title (page 1, line 11 in
30 amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the
31 following: 'Further amend'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds an additional provision that is intended to ensure that a person
34 is not required for financial reasons to choose between serving in the Legislature and
35 receiving in full a disability annuity or payment to which the person is entitled. Under
36 this amendment, a Legislator may file a written notice waiving compensation and
37 expenses to which that Legislator is entitled in order to eliminate the consideration,

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1 application or use of those funds to reduce a federal or state disability annuity or
2 payment.

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

5 SPONSORED BY: 
6 (Representative CUMMINGS)

7 TOWN: Portland



Approved: 04/27/06 *MAC*

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LR 3256(05)

An Act Authorizing Participation in the State Group Health Plan for Retiring Legislators

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "*A*" to Committee Amendment "*A*"

Sponsor: Rep. Cummings

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment may result in minor cost savings to the Legislature if a legislator receiving or eligible to receive a disability annuity or payment waives all or a portion of the salary or expenses or other payments that a legislator is entitled to. The amount of savings can not be determined at this time and will depend on the number of legislators to which this provision would apply and whether a waiver is filed.