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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 122ND LEGISLATURE
7 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

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

11 **'An Act Relating to Certain Benefits for Legislators'**

12 Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before
13 the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

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

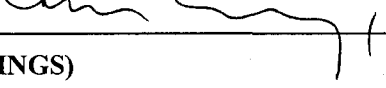
27 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment, which replaces the bill, is intended to ensure that a person is not
29 required for financial reasons to choose between serving in the Legislature and receiving
30 in full a disability annuity or payment to which the person is entitled. Under this
31 amendment, a Legislator may file a written notice waiving compensation and expenses to

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1 which that Legislator is entitled in order to eliminate the consideration, application or use
2 of those funds to reduce a federal or state disability annuity or 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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LD 2098

LR 3256(04)

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

Fiscal Note for House 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.