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L.D. 154
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 136, L.D. 154, Bill, "An Act To Provide Reinstatement of Group Life Insurance for Public Employees Returning from Unpaid Military Leave"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18658, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Any employee who, during a period of unpaid military leave of absence, does not continue coverage while on unpaid military leave must be reinstated to the levels of coverage in effect immediately prior to the unpaid military leave. A request for reinstatement by the employee must be made within 31 days of the employee's return to work following unpaid military leave. An employee who wants to be reinstated and who does not apply for reinstatement within 31 days of the employee's return to work from unpaid military leave must produce evidence of insurability at the employee's own expense and in accordance with the requirements of the insurance underwriter.

Sec. 3. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to any employee who is on military leave on or after January 1, 2007.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds employees of participating local districts to those public employees whose group life insurance must be automatically reinstated when returning from unpaid military leave without having to provide evidence of insurability. It also makes the bill retroactive to any employee who is on military leave on or after January 1, 2007.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 02/15/07 *MAC*

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LD 154

LR 701(02)

An Act To Provide Reinstatement of Group Life Insurance for Public Employees Returning from Unpaid Military Leave

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing group life insurance to be reinstated for public employees returning from unpaid military leave without the employees' having to provide evidence of insurability may result in increased costs to the Group Life Insurance program administered by the Maine State Retirement System. The impact can not be determined at this time and will depend on the number of participants for whom reinstatement of coverage would be automatic who otherwise would have been found to be uninsurable through the insurability process and to whom the System would pay a death claim that otherwise would not be paid. However, this provision is not expected to have an adverse impact of the overall experience of the Group Life Insurance program.