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House of Representatives, January 5, 2009

**An Act To Allow the Spouse of a Retired Public Employee a Second
Chance To Be Enrolled under the Retiree's Insurance Plan**

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLARK of Easton, EATON of Sullivan, Senator:
JACKSON of Aroostook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§3-B, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 641, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 A. Upon retirement, the retiree may enroll a spouse and dependent or dependents for
5 coverage under the plan effective on the date of retirement; ~~or~~

6 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§3-B, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 641, §1, is
7 amended to read:

8 B. Subsequent to retirement, the retiree may enroll a spouse and dependent or
9 dependents for coverage under the plan if:

10 (1) At the time of retirement, the retiree designated in writing the name of the
11 spouse and dependent or dependents to be enrolled at a future date; and

12 (2) The spouse and dependent or dependents can demonstrate coverage for at
13 least 18 months immediately prior to enrollment under another health insurance
14 plan or can demonstrate that health insurance coverage for that person pursuant to
15 the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 under a prior plan
16 has been exhausted; or

17 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§3-B, ¶C** is enacted to read:

18 C. Subsequent to retirement, if the spouse of a retiree changes jobs or retires, the
19 retiree may make a one-time election to enroll that spouse for coverage under the
20 plan.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows a retiree covered by the state group health insurance plan to enroll a
23 spouse for coverage under that plan if the spouse changes jobs or retires.

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