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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 104

House of Representatives, January 20, 2011

### An Act To Change Health Care Provisions for Retired Legislators

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.  
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and  
Representatives: COTTA of China, CRAFTS of Lisbon, HARMON of Palermo,  
SANDERSON of Chelsea, WOOD of Sabattus, Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-A, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 652, §2 and  
3 affected by §4, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-B**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 636,  
5 Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

6 **1-B. Ineligibility.** Except as provided in subsection 11-A, members of the Maine  
7 Municipal Association, members of the Maine Education Association and employees of  
8 counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof, including quasi-municipal  
9 corporations, are not eligible to participate in the group health plan under this section.  
10 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person who ceases to be a member of the  
11 Legislature after January 1, 2011 and whose only creditable service is as a member of the  
12 former Maine Legislative Retirement System or the Legislative Retirement Program is  
13 not eligible to participate in the group health plan under this section.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 Current law allows a person who retires from the Legislature to participate in the  
16 State's group health plan as long as that person participated for at least one year in the  
17 group health plan prior to retiring.

18 This bill removes from eligibility for participation in the group health plan a person  
19 who retires from the Legislature after January 1, 2011 and whose only creditable service  
20 is as a member of the Legislature. A person who has other creditable service as a teacher  
21 or member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System retains eligibility for  
22 participation in the group health plan upon retirement.