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An Act To Restore Supplemental Health Insurance Coverage for Disabled Children of State Retirees

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative SARTY of Denmark. Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Millinocket, COTTA of China, CUSHING of Hampden, HARMON of Palermo, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: COURTNEY of York, RECTOR of Knox.

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- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** changes in payment for health insurance coverage of disabled dependents 4 of retirees resulted in unanticipated burdens on retirees with disabled dependents; and
- 5 **Whereas,** it is necessary to remedy this situation sooner than 90 days after the 6 adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
therefore,

- 11 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 12 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, ¶M is enacted to read:
- 13M. The State shall pay 100% of the retiree's share of the premium for the standard14plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the retiree for15coverage of a dependent if the dependent is disabled and 19 years of age or older.
- 16 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 17 legislation takes effect when approved.

18 SUMMARY

Prior to 2011, the State covered the cost of health insurance coverage for retirees'
disabled dependents 19 years of age and older. This bill restores that practice.