

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 245

In Senate, March 3, 2021

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**An Act To Provide Funding for Maine's Health Insurance  
Consumer Assistance Program**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 1, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, MATHIESON of Kittery, TEPLER of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4326, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Funding.** The State shall provide necessary funding for the consumer assistance  
4 program.

5 **Sec. 2. Transfers from available fiscal year 2021-22 and fiscal year 2022-**  
6 **23 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance,**  
7 **Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Department of the Attorney**  
8 **General.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on October 1, 2021 and  
9 on July 1, 2022 the State Controller shall transfer \$200,000 from available balances in the  
10 Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of  
11 Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General.

12 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
13 allocations are made.

14 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

15 **Administration - Attorney General 0310**

16 Initiative: Provides allocations for the Attorney General to contract with a designated  
17 nonprofit and independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to  
18 operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program.

19 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
20 All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
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22 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill clarifies that the State is responsible for funding the Health Insurance  
25 Consumer Assistance Program. The bill also provides continued funding for the Health  
26 Insurance Consumer Assistance Program in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 through a  
27 transfer of available Other Special Revenue Funds balances from the Department of  
28 Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General.