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S.P. 259

In Senate, February 14, 2023

**An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain
Retired State Employees**

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested 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 HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and
Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland,
ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ROEDER of Bangor,
SACHS of Freeport, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§14**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 456, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 **14. Employees and retirees eligible for Medicare.** Notwithstanding subsection 7, if
5 an active employee eligible for Medicare elects to enroll in Medicare, the State shall pay
6 100% of the employee's share of the premiums for Medicare Part B until such time as the
7 employee enrolls as an eligible retiree pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding subsection
8 7, the State shall pay 100% of a retiree's share of the premiums for Medicare Part B for
9 those retirees not eligible for benefits under the Social Security Act as defined in section
10 19002, subsection 7.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the State to pay 100% of the costs of Medicare Part B premiums for
13 retired state employees not eligible for benefits under the United States Social Security Act.