

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE  
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# CHAPTER 1

H.P. 4 - L.D. 2

## AN ACT Concerning State-paid Basic Life Insurance Benefits for Legislative Employees.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, legislative employees are hired on a year-round basis, even though some of them may actually only be employed while the Legislature is in session; and

Whereas, these employees must be prepared at any time when the Legislature goes into session to return to work; and

Whereas, for these reasons legislative employees are more like full-time employees than seasonal employees; and

Whereas, unless this legislation is enacted immediately, legislative employees who do not work the entire year will not be able to receive state-paid basic life insurance benefits while they are not actually on the payroll; 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,

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

State-paid basic life insurance benefits for legislative employees. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1151 or any other provision of law, state-paid basic life insurance benefits shall be provided for all legislative employees on an annual basis with the annual cost being prorated for session employees while they are on the payroll.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect

when approved.

Effective December 10, 1982.

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## CHAPTER 2

H.P. 97 - L.D. 97

AN ACT Making Additional Authorizations  
and Allocations Relating to Low Income Home  
Energy Assistance Federal Block Grants for the  
Expenditures of State Government for the  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has changed its method of distributing certain funds from categorical grants to block grants effective October 1, 1981; and

Whereas, the First Regular Session of the 110th Legislature enacted legislation requiring legislative approval prior to the state implementation of federal block grants; and

Whereas, it is essential to the well-being of those of our citizens who must rely upon State Government's program of low income home energy assistance that all potential resources be made available in a timely fashion; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the state's low income home energy assistance program will become due and payable before July 1, 1983; 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,

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

Sec. 1. Block grant authorization. In accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1670, the State is authorized to accept federal block grants in the following amounts: