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## CHAPTER 324

S.P. 570 — L.D. 1703

## AN ACT to Ensure the Availability of Group Accident and Sickness and Health Insurance to Retired Teachers.

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

20-A MRSA c. 505-A is enacted to read:

## CHAPTER 505-A

## RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE

§13461. Eligibility for group plan

Retired teachers eligible to participate in a group accident and sickness and health insurance plan are governed by the following.

1. Access to a group plan. The group accident and sickness and health insurance plan that is in effect for active teachers in a public school system must be made available to all teachers eligible under subsection 2, who retired under the Maine State Retirement System when they left that system and who choose to participate in the new plan. The rate for the insurance coverage shall be the same as the rate provided for active teachers in that school system.

2. Eligible retired teachers. Retired teachers who had participated, at the time of retirement, in the group accident and sickness and health insurance plan offered by the public school for one year immediately prior to retirement or since they had become employed by the unit, whichever came later, shall be eligible to participate in whatever group plan that school unit offers to its active teachers.

3. School units which change plans. If a school unit changes its group health insurance plan or provider, the school unit at the time that it transfers active teachers to the new plan or provider shall inform all retired teachers who participate in the group accident and health insurance plan through prior employment with that school unit of the change, detailing the provisions of both the old and new plans. Any retired teacher eligible under this subsection, within 90 days of notification of the change, may request to be transferred to the new plan or provider.

Effective September 29, 1987.

## CHAPTER 325

H.P. 1259 — L.D. 1718

## AN ACT Relating to Local Bridges.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §608-A, sub-§§4 and 11, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 480, §§7 and 10, are amended to read:

4. Local bridges. "Local bridges" means bridges located on town ways or state-aid highways. Excluded from this subchapter are railroad bridges, bridges over the Maine Turnpike, ~~the Interstate Highway System and~~ bridges on over federally designated highways and bridges for which the State is responsible that are on state-aid highways that are designated as federal-aid highways.

11. Time of approval. "Time of approval" means the date on which the town approves the preliminary design and, authorizes the improvement and notifies the Department of Transportation of its decision. When appropriate, notification shall be accompanied by initial funding from the town.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §608-B, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 480, §§7 and 10, is amended to read:

On and after July 1, 1986, bridges determined to be of satisfactory condition shall become the responsibility of the unit of government that is responsible for the adjacent roadway, except for the exceptions in section 603. The State shall be responsible for all such bridges on state and state-aid highways and towns shall be responsible for all such bridges on town ways, except for bridges over the Maine Turnpike which shall be the responsibility of the Maine Turnpike Authority and ~~Interstate Highway System~~ bridges over federally designated highways which shall be the responsibility of the State.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §609, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 480, §§7 and 10, is amended to read:

§609. Approval to proceed

The department shall inform the town or county of the estimated cost of the bridge improvement, including their estimated share of the cost. The town may either cancel the improvement request or issue approval to proceed. Approval to proceed shall be accompanied by initial funding. Town and county percentages of cost become fixed at this time. After town officials are authorized to raise the local share of the estimated cost of the bridge improvement, the department shall proceed with the necessary engineering and other work. The department shall select the appropriate construction procedure in accordance with standard procedures. In accordance with established procedures, the chief engineer may authorize construction by town forces.

Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §610-G, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 480, §§7 and 10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: