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

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and  
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, TIPPING of Penobscot,  
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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 whose base annual state pension benefit on or after January 1, 2026 is  
11 projected to be less than or equal to the maximum amount of the retirement benefits that is  
12 subject to the cost-of-living adjustment under section 17806 being paid to retired state  
13 employees.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill provides that the State must pay 100% of certain retired state employees'  
16 shares of the premiums for Medicare Part B for retirees not eligible for benefits under the  
17 United States Social Security Act whose base annual state pension benefit on or after  
18 January 1, 2026 is projected to be less than or equal to the maximum amount of the  
19 retirement benefits that is subject to the cost-of-living adjustment.