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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 265, L.D. 582, “An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4320-W by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 14 to 19 in L.D.).

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

Amend the bill in section 3 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2026" and inserting the following: '2027'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Exemption from mandate review. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2752, this Act is enacted without review and evaluation by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the cost of the benefit mandate providing coverage of blood testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, beginning January 1, 2027.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$90,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$90,000

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1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, does the following.

5 1. It strikes the provision in the bill that prohibits a health insurance carrier from
6 imposing cost-sharing for coverage for blood testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
7 substances.

8 2. It strikes the unallocated language section in the bill stating the Legislature's finding
9 that the coverage required in the bill is not an expansion of the State's essential health
10 benefits.

11 3. It changes the application date for the coverage requirement from January 1, 2026
12 to January 1, 2027.

13 4. It adds language exempting the bill from review and evaluation by the Department
14 of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

15 5. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

16 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

17 **(See attached)**