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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Allow a Second Opportunity for Retired  
Teachers To Elect To Rejoin the Teacher Group  
Accident and Sickness and Health Insurance Plan'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§2-C,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 652, §3 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

**2-C. Eligibility; teachers who retire following break in employment.** A teacher who retires but who is not in service immediately prior to retirement and who has at least 25 years of creditable service under Title 5, chapter 423, subchapter IV~~4~~ may make a one-time election at retirement to rejoin the teacher group plan. If previous service terminated due to the elimination of the teacher's position as a result of closure of the school where the teacher was employed, the teacher may make one additional election to rejoin the plan, which election may be exercised at any time after retirement. Coverage of preexisting conditions upon rejoining the plan under this subsection is governed by Title 24-A, chapter 36. The payment provisions of subsection 3 apply to retirees exercising ~~the~~an option under this subsection.'

**SUMMARY**

The amendment moves the bill language to the statutory chapter that governs retired teachers' health insurance and clarifies that the 2nd election opportunity is provided only to teachers.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**