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An Act To Restore Supplemental Health Insurance Coverage for Disabled Children of State Retirees

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

Whereas, changes in payment for health insurance coverage of disabled dependents of retirees resulted in unanticipated burdens on retirees with disabled dependents; and

Whereas, it is necessary to remedy this situation sooner than 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature; 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. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, ¶M is enacted to read:

M. The State shall pay 100% of the retiree's share of the premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the retiree for coverage of a dependent if the dependent is disabled and 19 years of age or older.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

Prior to 2011, the State covered the cost of health insurance coverage for retirees' disabled dependents 19 years of age and older. This bill restores that practice.