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House of Representatives, March 10, 2021

**An Act Regarding the Availability of Health Insurance Coverage for  
Dependents of Certain State Employees**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, PLUECKER of Warren, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-C**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 21, §1 and amended  
3 by PL 2007, c. 58, §7, is further amended to read:

4 **1-C. Status of employees who have retired and returned to covered employment**  
5 **under Maine Public Employees Retirement System.** For purposes of participation in the  
6 state employee health insurance program pursuant to this section or in dental insurance  
7 coverage offered by the State, recipients of a service retirement benefit under the Maine  
8 Public Employees Retirement System who are retired employees and who are reemployed  
9 as state employees must be treated as retirees under subsection 1-A for purposes of  
10 eligibility for coverage under the group plan, except that a retired employee may enroll a  
11 spouse and dependent or dependents at the time of reemployment or during any declared  
12 open enrollment period for coverage under the group health plan as provided in subsection  
13 3-E.

14 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§3-E** is enacted to read:

15 **3-E. Enrollment of spouse and dependents of employees who have retired and**  
16 **returned to covered employment.** A retiree who is reemployed as a state employee may  
17 make an election at the time of returning to state employment or during any declared open  
18 enrollment period to enroll a spouse and dependent or dependents for coverage under the  
19 group health plan under the same terms and conditions for enrolling a spouse and dependent  
20 or dependents under the group health plan as an active employee.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows retirees who are rehired following retirement to make an election upon  
23 being rehired or during any declared open enrollment period to enroll a spouse and  
24 dependent or dependents in coverage under the group health plan for state employees.