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S.P. 60

In Senate, January 9, 2023

### **An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage to Certain State Employees**

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Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and  
Senators: BAILEY of York, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook,  
NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, PAULHUS of Bath,  
PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, ¶M** is enacted to read:

3 M. For an employee in a seasonal or other regularly recurring position available only  
4 for a portion of a year, the State shall pay a share of the individual premium for the  
5 standard plan identified and offered by the commission as follows, regardless of  
6 whether the employee is in active work status unless the employee is covered by  
7 another health insurance plan.

8 (1) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is projected to be less than or  
9 equal to \$30,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium  
10 contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 95% of the premium.

11 (2) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is projected to be greater than  
12 \$30,000 and less than \$80,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the  
13 premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 90% of the premium.

14 (3) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is projected to be \$80,000 or  
15 greater on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is  
16 being determined, the State shall pay 85% of the premium.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires the State to pay its share of the individual premium for the state  
19 employee health insurance plan for a seasonal or session-only employee regardless of  
20 whether the employee is in active work status unless the seasonal or session-only employee  
21 has health coverage under another plan.