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In Senate, June 6, 2011

An Act To Further Improve Maine's Health Insurance Law

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren and

Senators: COLLINS of York, COURTNEY of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, HILL of York, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MARTIN of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin, President RAYE of Washington, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, HANLEY of Gardiner, McKANE of Newcastle, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3957, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 90, Pt. B, §8, is
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Maximum assessment.** The board shall assess each insurer an amount not to
5 exceed \$4 per month per covered person enrolled in medical insurance insured, reinsured
6 or administered by the insurer. An insurer may not be assessed on policies or contracts
7 insuring federal or state employees, except for policies or contracts insuring Legislators
8 and their dependents, in which case the insurer shall directly bill Legislators for the cost
9 of the assessment.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill amends "An Act To Modify Rating Practices for Individual and Small
12 Group Health Plans and To Encourage Value-based Purchasing of Health Care Services"
13 to remove the exemption from assessment imposed on Legislators and their dependents,
14 thus requiring insurers to pay the \$4 per month per person assessment for policies
15 insuring Legislators and their dependents. The bill provides that insurers shall directly
16 bill Legislators for the costs of the assessment.