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An Act Regarding the Payment of Medicare Parts B and D Premiums for Employees Eligible for Medicare

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Retirees eligible for Medicare. Notwithstanding subsections 2 and 7, the State shall pay 100% of the retiree's share of the premiums for Medicare Parts B and D. In accordance with subsection 7, the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to retirees must be a companion plan to Medicare coverage paid for by the State pursuant to this subsection.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State to pay 100% of the premiums for Medicare Parts B and D for retirees eligible for coverage under the State's group health plan. The bill also requires that the standard health plan offered to eligible retirees must be a companion plan to Medicare coverage.