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An Act To Change Health Care Provisions for Retired Legislators

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-A, ¶C, as amended by PL 1997, c. 652, §2 and affected by §4, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-B, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 636, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

1-B. Ineligibility. Except as provided in subsection 11-A, members of the Maine Municipal Association, members of the Maine Education Association and employees of counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof, including quasi-municipal corporations, are not eligible to participate in the group health plan under this section. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person who ceases to be a member of the Legislature after January 1, 2011 and whose only creditable service is as a member of the former Maine Legislative Retirement System or the Legislative Retirement Program is not eligible to participate in the group health plan under this section.

SUMMARY

Current law allows a person who retires from the Legislature to participate in the State's group health plan as long as that person participated for at least one year in the group health plan prior to retiring.

This bill removes from eligibility for participation in the group health plan a person who retires from the Legislature after January 1, 2011 and whose only creditable service is as a member of the Legislature. A person who has other creditable service as a teacher or member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System retains eligibility for participation in the group health plan upon retirement.