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An Act To Allow Employees of the Small Enterprise Growth Board To Participate in the State's Group Health Plan

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RECTOR of Knox. Cosponsored by Speaker NUTTING of Oakland and Senators: COURTNEY of York, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, PRESCOTT of Topsham.

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- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 Whereas, during recent years, health insurance premiums have skyrocketed; and

4 **Whereas,** the cost of insurance is now at an unsustainable level for the Small 5 Enterprise Growth Board; and

6 **Whereas,** allowing the Small Enterprise Growth Board to participate in the State's 7 group health plan would make purchasing insurance more affordable for its employees; 8 and

9 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 12 therefore,

- 13 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 14 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶F-10 is enacted to read:
- 15 <u>F-10.</u> Any employee of the Small Enterprise Growth Board;
- 16 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 17 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 18 SUMMARY
- 19 This bill allows the employees of the Small Enterprise Growth Board to participate in 20 the State's group health plan.