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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 152, L.D. 220, Bill, “An Act To Require Proper Notification of Life Insurance Cancellation”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, coverage under the group life insurance coverage program administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System may be terminated for nonpayment of premium if premiums are not paid when due at the end of the month; and

Whereas, employees have no recourse to reinstate coverage following termination; and

Whereas, employees may not have received notice of cancellation during an unpaid leave of absence due to an accident or illness and family members learn of the termination of coverage only following the death of the employee; and

Whereas, this legislation would allow employees to designate a 3rd party to also receive a notice of cancellation prior to the termination of life insurance coverage to provide further protection to avoid termination of coverage; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this legislation is needed to help preserve life insurance coverage for employees and their families; and

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

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §18058, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

