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An Act To Provide Funding for Maine's Health Insurance
Consumer Assistance Program

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 1, 2021. Referred to the Committee on
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered
printed.

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, MATHIESON of Kittery, TEPLER
of Topsham.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4326, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Funding. The State shall provide necessary funding for the consumer assistance program.

Sec. 2. Transfers from available fiscal year 2021-22 and fiscal year 2022-23 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Department of the Attorney General. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on October 1, 2021 and on July 1, 2022 the State Controller shall transfer $200,000 from available balances in the Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE
Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides allocations for the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit and independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program.

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL $200,000 $200,000

SUMMARY
This bill clarifies that the State is responsible for funding the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. The bill also provides continued funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 through a transfer of available Other Special Revenue Funds balances from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General.