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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-784) 109TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT" A"to H.P. 1665, L.D. 1774, Bill, "AN ACT to Permit Participating Local Districts of the Maine State Retirement System to Amend Retirement Benefits for Policemen and Fire Fighters Prospectively."

Amend the bill in section 1 by adding at the end the following underlined sentence:

'Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to affect in any way the rights of public employees to collectively bargain for terms and conditions of employment.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by adding at the end the following underlined sentence.

'Nothing in this pargraph may be construed to affect in any way the rights of public employees to collectively bargain for terms and conditions of employment.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by adding at the end the following underlined sentence:

'Nothing in this paragraph mav be construed to affect in any way the rights of public employees to collectively bargain for terms and conditions of employment.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make clear that the intention of the bill is not to grant participating districts the right to <u>unilaterally</u> institute changes in retirement plans for prospective employees. Any change in benefit plans must still be nego_tiated by the representatives of the employer and employees.

Filed by Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House 2/12/80 (Filing No. H-784)