

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1998

Legislative Document

No. 2202

H.P. 1569

House of Representatives, February 9, 1998

An Act Regarding Veterans' Benefits.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FISHER of Brewer, GAGNE of Buckfield, TRUE of
Fryeburg, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §508 is enacted to read:**

6 **§508. Cohabitation**

8 Persons cohabiting and acknowledging each other as husband
10 and wife, and generally reputed to be such, for a period of at
12 least 3 years and until one of them dies thereafter are deemed to
14 have been legally married for the purpose of determining
16 eligibility for any type of veterans' benefit.

18 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act is retroactive to January 1,
20 1990.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill provides that persons cohabiting and acknowledging
26 each other as husband and wife, and generally reputed to be such,
for a period of at least 3 years and until one of them dies
thereafter are deemed to have been legally married for the
purpose of determining eligibility for any type of veterans'
benefit.

The bill is retroactive to January 1, 1990.