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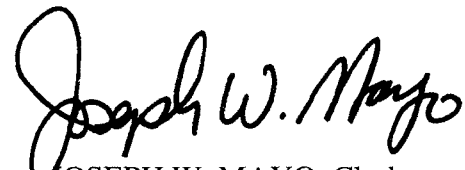
H.P. 1649

House of Representatives, December 29, 1999

**An Act Concerning Eligibility Requirements for State Employees in the
Purchase of Military Service Credits.**

Reported by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 27, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17760, sub-§2, ¶¶A and C, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, are amended to read:

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A. On the date of retirement, the member must have at least ~~15~~ 5 years of creditable service.

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C. The member must have separated from the armed forces under conditions other than dishonorable, providing that the separation was not upgraded through a program of general amnesty.

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Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17760, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is repealed.

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Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17760, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 1989, c. 907, §3, is repealed.

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SUMMARY

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This bill implements one of the recommendations of the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits. This bill reduces from 15 to 5 the number of years of creditable service a state employee who is a member of the Maine State Retirement System must have before the employee is eligible to purchase service credits for service in the Armed Forces of the United States. It also removes a requirement that members joining after January 1, 1976 have served in a federally recognized period of conflict to be eligible to purchase military service credits.