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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1004, L.D. 1463, Bill, "An Act To Allow Members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program To Reapply for Disability Retirement Benefits after Denial and To Allow the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Offer Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Allow Members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program To Reapply for Disability Retirement Benefits after Denial and To Direct the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Explore the Feasibility of Offering Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in §17925 in subsection 5 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or other medical conditions" and inserting the following: 'only'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 34 and 35 and page 2, lines 1 to 10 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 5 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 2, lines 13 and 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or other medical conditions" and inserting the following: 'only'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 (page 2, lines 18 to 31 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 5 in the 2nd to 4th lines (page 2, lines 33 to 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 423, subchapter 7 and Title 5, chapter 425, subchapter 7"

Amend the bill in section 5 in the 3rd line from the end (page 3, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "appropriations and financial affairs" and inserting the following: 'retirement matters'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 (page 3, lines 9 to 11 in L.D.)

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
2 section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment strikes the provisions in the bill that provide that a denial of a  
5 disability retirement benefit application to the Maine Public Employees Retirement  
6 System does not bar the filing and approval of a subsequent application for different  
7 medical conditions if the applicant has returned to service with an employer covered  
8 under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

9 This amendment also strikes the provisions of the bill that authorize the Board of  
10 Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, beginning January 5, 2017,  
11 to procure and offer long-term disability insurance to the retirement system's members  
12 and nonmembers who participate in the retirement system's defined contribution plan.

13 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

14 **(See attached)**



Approved: 02/08/16 *MAC*

# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1463

LR 2230(02)

**An Act To Allow Members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program To Reapply for Disability Retirement Benefits after Denial and To Allow the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Offer Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-517)**

**Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Maine Public Employees Retirement System

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) to conduct the required feasibility study and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.