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

37-A MRSA § 19, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 580, § 1, is amended to read:

Any person who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces during any federally recognized period of conflict, including the Korean Campaign and the Viet Nam War, or was eligible for Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or campaign medal and who, if discharged, received an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions, provided that the discharge was not upgraded through a program of general amnesty, may be buried in this cemetery without charge, if he, while a resident of Maine, entered service or was, at the time of his death or of the death of one of his eligible dependents, a resident of Maine.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 524

S. P. 268 — L. D. 809

AN ACT to Establish Special Retirement Provisions for CETA Employees.

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

5 MRSA § 1092-A is enacted to read:

§ 1092-A. CETA employees

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

A. "CETA employee" means an employee enrolled in a program under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, as amended (CETA). CETA employees shall be considered eligible for membership in the system from their date of enrollment, whether or not they become members.

B. "Prime sponsor" means the CETA prime sponsor, a unit of government responsible for planning and operating all CETA programs within the geographic jurisdiction encompassed by that unit of government.

C. "Employer" means the State or participating local district with which the CETA employee is placed for training and employment.

2. Employer's contributions. Notwithstanding sections 1062 and 1092, the State or a participating local district shall not be required to contribute to the system for CETA employees. If an employee elects, under subsection 4,

paragraph A, to purchase his CETA time for past creditable service, the employee's CETA prime sponsor shall then pay to the system an amount equal to the employer's contribution, plus regular interest, for the employee's CETA time, using only CETA funds.

3. Employee's contributions. Notwithstanding section 1095, a CETA employee shall not be required to contribute to the system. The employee may contribute during his period of CETA employment, or may defer contributions until his post-CETA employment status is known. If an employee who has not contributed during his CETA employment or who has withdrawn his contributions later elects, under subsection 4, to purchase his CETA time for past creditable service, he shall pay to the system an amount equal to his contributions, plus regular interest, as provided under section 1094, subsection 10.

4. Credit for CETA service. Credit for the period of CETA employment occurring after June 30, 1979, shall be granted to any person who, after June 30, 1979, was a CETA employee; and

A. Within 90 days of termination of CETA employment, became a non-CETA employee of the employer, and within 90 days of becoming such employee, signified in writing to the Maine State Retirement System his intention to purchase CETA time for service credit;

B. Has not received a return of any contributions made pursuant to subsection 3 or has desposited his contributions within 18 months of obtaining non-CETA employment with the employer as provided by subsection 3. Deposit shall be made in accordance with section 1094, subsection 10. In the event any retirement allowance becomes effective before the completion of such deposit, he shall be entitled to credit for that portion of his CETA time which the amount of the deposit actually made bears to the total amount which would have been required to purchase his entire CETA time; and

C. If the employer contribution required by subsection 2 has been paid.

5. Return of contributions. Any CETA employee who contributed during his CETA employment and who does not meet the requirements of subsections 4, paragraph A and paragraph B shall be refunded his employee contributions, plus regular interest, upon written request to the Maine State Retirement System.

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CHAPTER 525

H. P. 1071 — L. D. 1224

AN ACT to Provide for Art in Public Buildings and Other Facilities.