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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 292 AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM ORDINARY DEATH BENEFITS CARPENTER CHALMERS

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED CH # 475

S-184 CA H S  
S-296 SA N CLARK  
S-344 CA PEARSON H S

SUMMARY:

In the transition from the old Judicial Retirement Program and the new salary level and Judicial Retirement System, certain existing judges lost death benefits for their spouse and children. The original bill would have grandfathered the benefits for all judges on the bench at the time the new law was enacted. The Committee Amendment (CA-S-184) grandfathered those judges 50 years and older. The Senate Amendment (CA-S-344) replaced the Committee Amendment. It grandfathered judges 50 years and older and also reduced the percentage death benefit from 50% to 10% of salary over the next 10 years.

LD: 302 AN ACT FOR THE REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS PROVIDING ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFITS HICKEY PERRY MCSWEENEY LACROIX

OTP HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED PUBLIC CH # 38

SUMMARY:

The bill repealed two obsolete provisions of the Retirement system. One provision provided accidental death benefits to spouses and children of sheriffs. These are offset by regular retirement benefits which are now higher than the accidental death benefits. The second provision covered state police who were not part of the Retirement System. this provision is not necessary since all state police are members of the system.