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### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS
BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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: 1049 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE BENEFITS UNDER MAINE'S

STATE RETIREMENT LAW

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#### SUMMARY:

Presently retired state workers receive a health insurance package paid for by the State which includes Blue Cross/Blue Shield and major medical. Retired employees who are also eligible for Medicare must use medicare benefits and pay for their own Medicare Part B. Because of the rise in cost of Part B, health insurance costs for retired employees on Medicare are higher than if they were on State paid Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The bill would have corrected this inequity by having the State pay the cost of the employees Medicare Part B.

LD: 1061 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL

IN THE MAINE VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERY FOR

ND: 110 MEMBERS OF THE MAINE NATIONAL GUARD

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SUMMARY:

The new draft corrects some errors in the bill and Statement of Fact. It provides that members of the Maine National Guard who are killed while on active duty during an emergency may be buried in the Veterans Memorial Cemetary. The House Amendment (HA-H-65) clarifies that the veteran must be a resident of the State.

LD: 1149

AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF BENEFITS BY PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS UNDER THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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SUMMARY:

The bill would have allowed local districts to adopt disability benefits for their policemen and firemen without having to adopt them for their other employees.