

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTF	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

SUMMARY: Members of the Maine State Retirement System either must have 10 years of service or must be employed by an employer participating in the system on the date they reached retirement age in order to receive a retirement benefit. Prior to 1981, employees who had previously been members of the system, but did not meet the 10 year vesting requirement, could return to work for a participating employer for one day after reaching retirement age and then be eligible to receive a retirement pension. In 1981, the Legislature added the requirement that individuals had to be employed for one year prior to retirement in order to be eligible to receive a pension if they had less than 10 years membership. The bill would have grandfathered those individuals who joined the system prior to the 1981 change. The question arose whether individuals who were members of the system prior to enactment of the 1981 changes had a constitutionally vested right to receive a pension if they returned to work for one day on reaching retirement age. In an opinion given by the Attorney General, the 1981 change was considered not to violate the contractual agreement because the legislature clearly never intended that an individual could return to state employment or employment as a teacher for one day and receive a pension.

LD AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' ND LD 2258  
1703 HOMES IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN MAINE

Sponsor: MARTIN, J., Erwin, E., Dutremble, Paul  
Committee Report: OTP/ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2258

**LD** A RESOLVE TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO STUDY ND LD 2202  
**1777** THE INTEGRATION OF THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Sponsor: CLARK, N., McGowan, Najarian  
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2202.

LD AN ACT TO EQUALIZE THE RIGHT TO MILITARY LEAVE LVWD  
1778 CREDITS UNDER THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM FOR VIETNAM VETERANS

Sponsor: DOW  
Committee Report: LVWD