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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 1016 An Act Relating to Distribution of Retirement Benefits in Divorce

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FARNSWORTH CATHCART HOLLOWAY KETTERER		

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Maine State Retirement System to accept and enforce a court-ordered retirement benefits division when the division ordered is incident to a divorce or judicial separation or it is necessary to satisfy a spousal support obligation.

The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1072 An Act Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Event of Divorce and Remarriage

**PUBLIC 320
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL P CLARK N WEBSTER AULT	OTP-AM	S-161

SUMMARY

Under current law, when a retiree divorces, the retiree is unable to remove the divorced spouse as the retirement survivor beneficiary. This bill allows a retiree to change beneficiaries with the agreement of the original spouse, either as part of a divorce agreement or at a later time.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-161) requires the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System to ensure that a spouse is counseled by an employee of the retirement system prior to agreeing to give up the right to a retirement benefit. The amendment changes the formula for calculation of the new beneficiary's benefit to be actuarially equivalent to the prior benefit. The amendment adds the provisions of the bill to the laws relating to participating local districts. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1125 An Act to Amend the Disability Provisions of the Maine State Retirement System Laws

PUBLIC 434

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N RICH O'DEA STEVENSON	OTP-AM	S-204

SUMMARY

This bill provides that when disability resulting from a preexisting condition that has been aggravated by an injury or accident received in the line of duty the accident or injury must be outside the usual activities encountered in the member's employment.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-204) adds a fiscal note.