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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 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.

Committee Amendment "B" (minority report) (H-588) deletes from the bill provisions relating to access to the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. It also permits the Maine Veterans' Homes to admit veterans who did not serve during wartime, if space is available, provided that veterans who served during wartime are given priority.

The bill died in nonconcurrency.

LD 1440 Resolve, to Provide a Retirement Benefit to Erma Painter LV/WD

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| AULT NORTON MCCORMICK | LV/WD | |

SUMMARY

This resolve would authorize a retirement benefit for Erma Painter who has less than 10 years creditable service.

LD 1453 An Act Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Event of ONTP
Remarriage

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| MATTHEWS | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the benefit reduction for any spouse be taken from the retiree's full benefit and does not change the requirement that the reduction for each spouse be calculated on the same basis.

LD 1457 An Act Relating to Retirement Service Credits for Former INDEF PP
Workers' Compensation Commissioners Who Became Judges before
December 1, 1984

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| CONLEY | OTP-AM | S-208 MCCORMICK |

SUMMARY

This bill provides that workers' compensation commissioners who were appointed judges between July 1, 1983 and December 1, 1984 are entitled, without further contribution, to credit in the Maine Judicial Retirement System for their creditable service as members of the Maine State Retirement System prior to July 1, 1983 and for service as commissioners from July 1, 1983 to November 30, 1984.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-208) adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-170) (not adopted) was printed in error and should have been printed as an amendment to a different bill.