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Maine State Retirement System

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Group Life Insurance Claim of Mrs. W. W. Moberg

This replies to your memo of January 10, 1975, concerning the subject.

It appears from your memo that Mr. Moberg was misadvised by officials of the Retirement System, as to the amount of his group life insurance coverage at the time of his ordinary disability retirement in 1971. He died in 1974, without ever having been correctly advised. You ask if the Board of Trustees can authorize payment to the beneficiary in the amount of \$11,000 (as he was actually advised) instead of \$5,720 (as he was actually entitled and should have been advised). The answer to that question is yes, if the Board finds that such misadvice misled the retiree to his injury.

As indicated in our opinion (Fuller to Walter) dated August 31, 1967, a copy of which is attached, the Board has broad power under 5 M.R.S.A. § 1032, in administering the System. It can act to prevent injury to a member of the System, a retiree or beneficiary resulting from the mistake of an official of the System.

If I can be of any further aid to you in this matter, please advise me.

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