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Employees Salary Plan, c. 147, Part D, § 4, P. & S.L. of 1975.

You ask whether or not an individual who worked full-time throughout calendar year 1975 for the State as a project employee, but who is currently a full-time classified employee is eligible to receive the \$40 increase authorized by P. & S.L. 1975, c. 147, Part D, § 4.

The answer is yes. There are only two criteria for eligibility under Part D, § 4 of c. 147, P. & S.L. 1975. Those criteria are:

- 1. That the employee currently be employed by the State in a full-time permanent or limited period classified or unclassified employment capacity; and,
- 2. That the employee was employed by the State of Maine during 1975.

The 1975 employment is not limited by c. 147, Part D, § 4 as to character, quality or duration. A current full-time permanent or limited period State employee (classified or unclassified) need only have been employed by the State in 1975 in order to meet the 1975 State employment eligibility requirement.

I have attached a copy of our previous opinion in this matter dated July 8, 1976, for your convenience.

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cc: Richard Dieffenback,
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