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Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date October 20, 1976

To W. G. Blodgett, Executive Director


Dept. Maine State Retirement System

From Donald G. Alexander, Deputy

Dept. Attorney General

Subject Definition of "Spouse" under 5 M.R.S.A., Section 1001, subsection 24  
and 5 M.R.S.A., Section 1151, subsection 2-B, second paragraph

This responds to your memorandum of October 12, 1976, asking whether the definition of spouse in 5 M.R.S.A. § 1001-24 applies to the provisions of 5 M.R.S.A. § 1151. This question is answered in the affirmative. The definition provisions are included in one subchapter of the general retirement law. This subchapter is limited to definitions and other administrative matters. The definitions therefore are intended to apply to more than the single subchapter in which they appear. For these reasons those definitions must be construed to apply to the entire retirement law (Title 5 M.R.S.A. Chapter 101). Accordingly, the definition of spouse which is stated in subchapter I does apply to the group life insurance program established by Subchapter VI of Chapter 101.

  
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