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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 623

S. P. 214 In Senate, February 5, 1969 Referred to Committee on Retirements and Pensions. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Increase the Retirement Pay of Certain Retired State Police Sergeants.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, certain state police sergeants who retired in 1956 and prior thereto, as a result of a comprehensive compensation plan established by the Personnel Board pursuant to the terms of chapter 382 of the public laws of 1965, have been eligible, since July 28, 1965, to receive no more retirement pay than is payable to a fully retired state trooper, a situation which is unjust and violative of the spirit and purpose of an equitable state retirement pension plan; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

P. & S. L., 1951, c. 214, amended. Chapter 214 of the private and special laws of 1951, as amended by chapter 166 of the private and special laws of 1953, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Retired state police sergeants who since June 28, 1965, have been, and presently, are eligible to receive no more retirement pay than that which is presently payable to a fully retired state trooper, shall henceforth be eligible

for retirement pay in the amount of ½ of the pay of a sergeant, whose pay step within the salary range established for sergeants is higher than, but nearest in amount, to the highest pay step within the salary range established for state troopers. The payment of said retirement pay shall be retroactive to June 28, 1965.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.