

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 386

S. P. 147

In Senate, January 27, 1971

Referred to Committee on Veterans and Retirement. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Moore of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Death Benefits for Fish and Game and Coastal Wardens
under the State Retirement System.

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

R. S., T. 5, § 1125, sub-§ 1-A, amended. Subsection 1-A of section 1125 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 390 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

1-A. State Police, fish and game wardens and coastal wardens who are members. If a member of the retirement system who is a member of the State Police, a law enforcement officer in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game or a law enforcement officer in the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries shall die as a result of an injury received in the line of duty his beneficiary, if his widow, and if there is no surviving child or children under age 18, shall receive an annual sum to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the current annual salary of the member; or his beneficiary, if his widow, if the member is survived by a widow and a child or children under age 18, jointly, shall be entitled to an annual sum equal to the current annual salary of the member; or his beneficiary, if his child or children, if the member is survived only by a child or children under age 18, jointly, shall receive an annual sum equal to the current annual salary of the member.

When the beneficiaries are a widow and child or children under age 18, they shall be paid the annual sum equal to the current annual salary only until the youngest surviving child reaches age 18, at which time the annual sum paid shall be reduced to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the annual salary of the member.

When the beneficiaries are a child or children under age 18, he or they shall be paid the annual sum equal to the current annual salary only until the

youngest surviving child reaches age 18, at which time all payments shall cease.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment would give fish and game wardens and coastal wardens the same protection now enjoyed by firemen, policemen and State Police officers.