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Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to State Police Retirement System.

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

R. S., T. 25, § 1591, repealed and replaced. Section 1591 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1591. System; limitation

Any member of the State Police may retire upon completion of 20 years creditable service, but must retire upon attainment of age 55 and be placed upon the pension rolls and receive thereafter ½ of the pay per year that is paid to a member of his grade at the time of his retirement. This section shall apply only to persons who were members of the State Police on July 9, 1943, except that a member appointed as chief or as Commissioner of Public Safety shall be permitted to continue in said position beyond attained age 55 or after completion of 20 years of creditable service until the end of the term for which he was appointed and said chief or commissioner may be appointed or reappointed regardless of attained age or length of creditable service.

Such chief or commissioner shall be credited with the number of years which he served as a member to be added to the number of years served as chief or commissioner. Upon his request for retirement, made in writing to the Governor and Council, he shall receive thereafter $\frac{1}{2}$ of the pay per year that is paid to him as chief or commissioner at the time of his retirement.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this Act to provide mandatory retirement for those members of the State Police employed on or before July 9, 1943, who are currently exempted from both the mandatory retirement age of 70, applicable to the vast majority of state employees and the mandatory retirement age of 55, applicable to the majority of state police officers. This Act would provide uniformity as to the retirement age of state police officers.