

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 603

H. P. 454

House of Representatives, February 1, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gahagan of Caribou.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Veterans Preference and Military Service for Employees  
of State Agencies.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 555, amended.** The first sentence of section 555 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 587 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

Whenever any employee, regularly employed in other than a temporary position for a period of at least 6 months by the State or by any department, bureau, commission or office thereof, or by the **University of Maine, Vocational Technical Institutes, Maine School Building Authority, Maine Turnpike Authority, Maine Industrial Building Authority, Maine Recreational Authority or any other state agency**, or by any county, municipality, township or school district within the State shall in time of war, contemplated war, emergency or limited emergency, enlist, enroll, be called or ordered, or be drafted ~~in~~ into the Armed Forces of the United States or any branch or unit thereof, or shall be regularly drafted under federal ~~man power~~ **manpower** regulations, he shall not be deemed or held to have thereby resigned from or abandoned his said employment, nor shall he be removable therefrom during the period of his service.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 674, amended.** The last paragraph of section 674 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 561 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

This section shall apply to all examinations for original positions in the State Police, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game ~~and~~, the Depart-

ment of Sea and Shores Fisheries, the University of Maine, Vocational Technical Institutes, Maine School Building Authority, Maine Turnpike Authority, Maine Industrial Building Authority, Maine Recreational Authority or any other state agency.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to cover veterans applying for jobs with state or quasi-state agencies inadvertently omitted previously in the Veteran's Preference Law. The effect of passage of the bill would be that the State agencies listed would provide coverage for their employees who are veterans on the same basis as the State.