

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 251

H. P. 206

House of Representatives, January 21, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Retirement Benefits for Spouses of Deceased State Wardens.

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

5 MRSA, § 1121, sub-§ 1, ¶ D, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 513, § 22, is further amended to read:

Upon the death of a law enforcement officer of the Department of Marine Resources or a law enforcement officer of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game who is the recipient of a retirement allowance under this section, without optional modification, or is retired under either the ordinary or occupational disability provisions, ~~his widow, who was his spouse at the time of his retirement~~ the officer's spouse at the time of the officer's death and for 5 years previous to that death shall become entitled to a retirement allowance which shall be equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount being paid at the time of his death and which payment shall continue for the remainder of her lifetime or until she should remarry.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will allow a widow or widower of an Inland Fisheries and Game warden or a coastal warden to receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the retirement benefits which the warden was getting at the time of the warden's death. Presently, a spouse who marries a warden after the warden's retirement receives no pension after the warden's death.