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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1322

H. P. 1035

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide Retirement Benefits for State Criminal Inspectors within the Office of the Attorney General.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1121, sub-§ 1, ¶ F is enacted to read:

F. Any state criminal inspector or chief criminal inspector in the Department of Attorney General may retire upon completion of 20 years of total creditable service as a state criminal inspector or chief criminal inspector in the Department of Attorney General or cumulatively in any combination of law enforcement employment capacities for the State of Maine, regardless of age. Military service credits as allowed under section 1094 shall not be considered as part of the creditable service necessary for the 20 years' service as a criminal inspector or chief criminal inspector. The total amount of the service retirement allowance of a member retired in accordance with this paragraph shall be equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the member's current annual salary.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Attorney General the sum of \$12,980 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF

Personal Services

(2) \$6,490 (2) \$6,490

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under Title 5, section 197, the Attorney General is authorized to employ state criminal inspectors subject to the Personnel Law replacing the special investigators within the department. The duties and responsibilities of the criminal inspectors parallel the enforcement duties of other state enforcement officers in the State, which range from the investigation of homicide cases to lesser crimes. Therefore, it is the intent of this Act to provide retirement benefits to the criminal inspectors equal to those retirement benefits currently being received by members of other law enforcement departments, i.e., State Police, Inland Fisheries and Game and Marine Resources. This Act will equalize retirement benefits within the state law enforcement community and will allow the Attorney General to draw from experienced law enforcement personnel in the hiring of replacements or additional personnel as allowed by law.