

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 808**

H. P. 667

House of Representatives, March 8, 1977

On motion of Mr. Theriault of Rumford, referred to Committee on Veterans and Retirement. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Provide an Increase in Retiree and Survivor Benefits.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, state and teacher retiree and survivor benefits were adjusted 6.4% to bring their benefits into parity with state employee salary adjustments caused by the Hay reclassification study authorized by the private and special laws of 1974, chapter 100; and

Whereas, the adjustments to state employee salaries have since been determined to have resulted in a 7.7% increase leaving a shortfall in retiree and survivor benefit adjustments of 1.3%; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1.** P & SL 1975, c. 147, Pt. D, § 9, is amended to read:

**Sec. 9. Survivors' and retirees' benefits.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the salary increases provided for in this Act shall be considered a general salary increase the equivalent of ~~6.4%~~ 7.7% pursuant to Title 5, section 1124 and Title 5, section 1128.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** The unpaid 1.3% portion of the survivor and retiree benefits adjustment caused by this Act shall be retroactive to the effective date of the last adjustment.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this Act shall take effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.