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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1486

S. P. 428 In Senate, April 11, 1977 Referred to the Committee on Veterans and Retirement. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Protect the State Retirement System from the Cost of Abnormal Disability Claims.

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

5 MRSA § 1091, sub-§ 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

In order to qualify for the ordinary disability benefits of section 1122, any employee hired on or after the effective date of this Act must present evidence of good health, satisfactory to the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System. If it is deemed by the executive director that a physical examination is required, the cost of such examination shall be borne by the Maine State Retirement System.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to protect the Maine State Retirement System from individuals seeking state service for the major purpose of taking care of outstanding health claims. It is assumed that the cost of the examinations will be offset by the savings in disability payments now provided for in the state's normal contribution percentage.