

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1556

H. P. 1331

House of Representatives, April 12, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls.

Cosponsor: Ms. Clark of Freeport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Concerning the Definition of Spouse Under the State  
Retirement Law.

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

5 MRSA § 1001, sub-§ 24, is amended to read:

24. **Spouse.** "Spouse" shall mean a person of the opposite sex either married to or divorced from the member, in that order, **unless the divorced spouse was married to the member for a period of 25 years or more before the divorce, in which case "spouse" shall mean the divorced spouse.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that a divorced spouse who was married to a member of the Maine State Retirement System for 25 or more years does not lose the retirement benefits due her or him just because the member has divorced the spouse.