

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 700**

H. P. 553

House of Representatives, February 22, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Provide Continued Educational Benefits for Veterans' Widows after  
Remarriage.**

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

**37-A MRSA § 50-J, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 701, § 21, is further amended by adding the following new sentence at the end:

**The remarriage of the widow or widower of a veteran shall not bar the furnishings of benefits to the widow or widower of the veteran if the remarriage has been terminated by death or has been dissolved by a divorce.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will allow the spouse of a deceased veteran to receive educational assistance in cases where he or she remarries and the subsequent marriage is terminated. He or she would still not be eligible for benefits until the subsequent marriage terminated. Federal veterans' benefits already provide for this contingency.