

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1831

House of Representatives, February 12, 1980

Reported by Mr. Dow from the Joint Select Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 1517 and printed under Joint Rules No. 17.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

**AN ACT to Encourage Retirement of Wardens in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1121, sub-§ 1, ¶ D, first ¶, last sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 580, § 7, amended to read:

The total amount of the service retirement allowance of a law enforcement officer, retired in accordance with this paragraph, shall be equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his average final compensation and an additional 2% of his average final compensation for each year of membership service not included in determining eligibility for retirement under this paragraph, **except that the retirement allowance of a law enforcement officer in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall be equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his current annual salary and an additional 2% of his current annual salary for each year of membership service not included in determining eligibility for retirement under the preceding paragraph.**

**Sec. 2. Repeal.** This Act is repealed 60 days after its effective date.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is undergoing a severe financial crisis and this addition would encourage attrition through retirement of approximately 14 members of the Warden Service who, because of salary increases attained by the recently negotiated employees contract, are not

planning to retire. If the entire 14 members were to take advantage of this special Act, the annual savings, based on current salaries while not including capital equipment and operating costs, would be \$397,107.15.