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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-679)  
110TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1891, L.D.1877, Bill,  
7 "AN ACT to Provide Retired Teachers, State Employees and  
8 Beneficiaries with a Cost-of-living Increase."

9 Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the  
10 enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

11 **Sec. 1. Retirement allowances.** Notwithstanding the  
12 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1128, subsection 1,  
13 monthly retirement allowances of retired teachers, state  
14 employees or their beneficiaries shall be increased by an  
15 additional one-time increase of 50¢ for each full year of  
16 the member's creditable service. Recipients of survivor or  
17 disability benefits or any other recipient whose benefit is  
18 based on criteria other than length of creditable service  
19 shall receive instead an additional 2% above the regular  
20 percentage increase.

21 **Sec. 2. Optional methods of payment; reduced bene-**  
22 **fits.** In the event that a benefit recipient receives a  
23 reduced retirement benefit in accordance with options set  
24 out in the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1126, the  
25 monthly retirement allowance of that recipient shall be  
26 increased by the amount provided in section 1, reduced by  
27 the same percentage by which the recipient's retirement  
28 allowance has been reduced.

29 **Sec. 3. Supplemental cost-of-living increase; eligi-**  
30 **bility.** The increase provided by sections 1 and 2 shall be  
31 applied to the retirement allowance of all retirees who have  
32 been retired for at least 6 months prior to the date that  
33 the increase becomes payable. Beneficiaries of deceased  
34 retirees shall be eligible for the supplemental cost-  
35 of-living increase at the same time the deceased retiree  
36 would have become eligible.

37 **Sec. 4. Supplemental cost-of-living increase; calcula-**  
38 **tion and payment.** The increase provided in sections 1 and 2

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2 shall be determined after calculation of the automatic ad-  
3 justment in the retirement allowance described in the  
4 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1128, subsection 1, para-  
5 graph A and shall be payable beginning in September, 1982.

6 Sec. 5. Participating local districts. Participating  
7 local districts may provide for the increase described in  
8 sections 1 to 4 in retirement allowances being paid to their  
9 former employees or beneficiaries by supplying the board of  
10 trustees with a certified copy of its action and a statement  
11 of agreement of payment of costs.

12 Sec. 6. Appropriations; allocations. The following  
13 funds are appropriated from the General Fund and allocated  
14 from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

15		<u>1982-83</u>
16	<u>MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM</u>	
17	All Other Appropriation for	
18	Teachers' Retirement	\$ 971,430
19	State Employees' Retirement	414,444
20	All Other Allocation from	
21	Highway Fund	<u>222,762</u>
22	Total	\$1,608,636

23 In addition to the above appropria-  
24 tion and allocation, there will be  
25 a cost to other funds of \$297,123  
26 in the year 1982-83.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 This amendment provides a one-time across-the-board  
29 increase in retirement allowances to retired state employ-  
30 ees, teachers and their beneficiaries. The increase is  
31 based on the number of full years of creditable service the

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2 employee earned under the Maine State Retirement System.  
3 Persons receiving reduced benefits under the various options  
4 offered by the Maine State Retirement System shall have this  
5 supplemental increase reduced by the same percentage as  
6 their regular benefits. The increase provided by this  
7 amendment will be calculated after the addition of the ad-  
8 justment provided by the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section  
9 1128, subsection 1, and will be payable as of September,  
10 1982. To be eligible recipients must have been retired for  
11 6 months. Provision is made for participating local dis-  
12 tricts to offer the additional increase.

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