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L.D. 2217

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1567, L.D. 2217, Bill, "AN ACT to Implement Certain Recommendations of the State Compensation Commission."

Amend the bill in section 5, in that part designated "§2." in the 4th paragraph, in the last 5 lines (page 4, lines 8 to 12 in L.D.) by striking everything after the underlined word "route" and inserting in its place the following: 'and reimbursement will be capped at commercial flight rate.'

Further amend the bill in section 5, in that part designated "§2." in the last paragraph, in the 4th line (page 5, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "Two hundred" and inserting in their place the underlined words 'One hundred and eighty'

Further amend the bill in section 5, in that part designated "§2." in the last paragraph, in the 7th line (page 5, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$100" and inserting in its place the following: '\$120'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 10. 4 MRSA §1352, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 863, Pt. B, §§24 and 45, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Minimum benefit. Each judge in service on December 1, 1984, who is 50 years of age or older on that date shall be entitled to a minimum benefit equal to 75% of the salary as of June 30, 1984, for the position from which the judge retired, increased by 6% compounded annually, for each year or part of a year served subsequent to June 30, 1984, up to and

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1 including June 30, 1989. The total shall be in-  
2 creased by an amount equal to the cost-of-living fac-  
3 tor granted the previous September, as determined  
4 pursuant to section 1358, compounded annually.

5 Sec. 11. 4 MRSA §1358, as amended by PL 1983, c.  
6 863, Pt. B, §§36 and 45, is repealed and the follow-  
7 ing enacted in its place:

8 §1358. Cost-of-living and other adjustments

9 1. Cost-of-living adjustments. Except as pro-  
10 vided in subsection 2, paragraph A, retirement allow-  
11 ances under this chapter shall be adjusted as fol-  
12 lows.

13 A. The board shall automatically adjust allow-  
14 ances, beginning in September 1985, and each Sep-  
15 tember thereafter, by any percentage change in  
16 the Consumer Price Index from July 1st to June  
17 30th, but only to a maximum annual increase or  
18 decrease of 4%. The board shall determine the  
19 cost of these adjustments and shall include them  
20 in its budget requests, if necessary.

21 B. Whenever the annual percentage change in the  
22 Consumer Price Index from July 1st to June 30th  
23 exceeds 4%, the board shall adjust allowances as  
24 set out in paragraph A and shall report the ad-  
25 justment and the actual increase or decrease in  
26 the Consumer Price Index to the Legislature dur-  
27 ing February of the following year.

28 C. Adjustments under this section shall be ap-  
29 plied to the allowances of all retirees who have  
30 been retired for at least 6 months before the ad-  
31 justment takes effect. Beneficiaries of deceased  
32 retirees shall be eligible for the adjustment  
33 provided in this section at the same time the de-  
34 ceased retiree would have been eligible.

35 D. The amount of a retirement allowance payable

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1           under this chapter shall not be less than the  
2           retiree received on the effective date of his re-  
3           irement.

4           2. Retirement allowances. Retirement allowances  
5           under section 1352, subsection 4.

6           A. Beginning in July 1985, and each July there-  
7           after, through July 1989, retirement allowances  
8           under section 1352, subsection 4, shall be in-  
9           creased by 6% compounded annually.

10          B. Beginning in September 1990, and each Septem-  
11          ber thereafter, retirement allowances under sec-  
12          tion 1352, subsection 4, shall be adjusted as  
13          provided in subsection 1.

14          Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, as repealed and  
15          replaced by PL 1981, c. 270, §1, is amended to read:

16          7. Payment by State. Except as otherwise pro-  
17          vided in this subsection, the State, through the  
18          board of trustees, shall pay 100% of only the  
19          employee's share of this insurance, except for Legis-  
20          lators where the State shall pay 50% of the Legisla-  
21          tors' health insurance premium for dependent  
22          coverage. For any person appointed to a position af-  
23          ter November 1, 1981, who is employed less than full  
24          time, the State shall pay a share of the employee's  
25          share reduced pro rata to reflect the reduced number  
26          of work hours.'

27          Further amend the bill in section 11, by striking  
28          out all of that part relating to "LEGISLATURE" (page  
29          8, lines 22 to 30 in L.D.) and inserting in its place  
30          the following:

31          'LEGISLATURE

32          Legislature	
33          Personal Services	\$369,813
34          All Other	<u>276,360</u>

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1	Total	\$646,173
2	Provides funds	
3	for salary and	
4	legislative ex-	
5	pense increases	
6	to be effective	
7	in fiscal year	
8	1987. Of the	
9	amount appropri-	
10	ated in the Per-	
11	sonal Services	
12	line item,	
13	\$35,000 is to be	
14	used to reduce	
15	Legislators'	
16	health insurance	
17	premiums for	
18	depdent cover-	
19	age from 100% to	
20	50%.'	

21 Further amend the bill in section 11 by striking  
22 out all of the last line (page 9, line 25 in L.D.)  
23 and inserting in its place the following:

24 'TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$728,493'

25 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-  
26 tions to read consecutively.

27 Further amend the bill by striking out all of the  
28 fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

29 'FISCAL NOTE

30 Section 1 of the bill requires a \$10,000 General  
31 Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1987 to fund a sal-  
32 ary increase for the Governor. Sections 2 and 3 re-  
33 quire a \$13,980 General Fund appropriation in fiscal  
34 year 1987 to fund a salary increase for the 3 Public  
35 Utilities Commission commissioners. Section 4 re-  
36 quires a \$58,340 General Fund appropriation to fund

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1 the fiscal year 1987 salary increase for the 9 Work-  
2 ers' Compensation Commission commissioner. Section 5  
3 enacts salary and expense increases for Legislators  
4 and requires a \$646,173 General Fund appropriation in  
5 fiscal year 1987. Sections 6 to 12 will have no sig-  
6 nificant fiscal impact.'

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This amendment caps the proposed airfare reim-  
9 bursement for Legislators at commercial rates. This  
10 amendment also clarifies the language concerning the  
11 minimum retirement benefit for judges in the transi-  
12 tion zone to ensure that cost-of-living adjustments  
13 are not added to the retirement benefit twice.

14 This amendment also makes necessary changes to  
15 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, and the bill's  
16 appropriation section to allow Legislators' health  
17 insurance premiums for dependent coverage to be re-  
18 duced from 100% to 50%.

19 This amendment also changes the appropriations'  
20 section accordingly.

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