

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 865 House of Representatives, April 9, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and  
Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BOST of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representatives CLARK of Millinocket and  
HANDY of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Realign the Base-year Retirement  
2 Computation with the Cost of Living  
3 for Residual Members of the Maine  
4 State Retirement System Employed by  
5 the University of Maine System.  
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7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
8 follows:

9 5 MRSA §17855, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

10 4. Exclusion of certain income in calculating  
11 earnable compensation. For purposes of this section,  
12 any wages paid by the University of Maine System for  
13 part-time employment to an employee, who had formerly  
14 held a full-time appointment, shall not be included  
15 in calculating earnable compensation.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Approximately 100 members of the University of Maine faculty are members of the Maine State Retirement System, most of whom are elderly. In a creative exercise, the University of Maine System has permitted its faculty to take a partial retirement. The savings in senior faculty salaries often permits the university to hire a new faculty member full time, while retaining half of the senior member's time. The partial retiree soon runs up against a cap which the state retirement system places upon the earnings of those who, after retirement, are restored to service. We propose to amend the law, removing the cap for University of Maine System employees whose retirement is pursuant to a bona fide, voluntary partial retirement program.

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