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Reported by Representative HICKEY from the Committee on
Aging, Retirement and Veterans and printed under Joint Rule 2.
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Original bill sponsored by Representative REEVES of Pittston. Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Kennebec, Representatives DELLERT of Gardiner and HICKEY of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Revise the Definition of Spouse

2 3	***************************************	Under t	he M	Maine	State	Reti	reme	nt Sysi	em.		
	Be it	enacted	рà	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§4, $\P A$, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

A. For persons qualifying under section 17851,

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1	subsection 4, paragraph A:
2 3	(1) The total amount of the service retirement benefit is:
4 5 6 7 8 9	(a) Except as provided in division (b), 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 qualification under section 17851, subsection 4, paragraph A; or
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(b) If his benefit would be greater, the part of his service retirement benefit based upon membership service before July 1, 1976, shall be determined, on a pro rata basis, on his current annual salary on the date of retirement and the part of his service retirement benefit based upon membership service after June 30, 1976, shall be determined in accordance with division (a); and
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	(2) Upon the death of a State Police Officer who is receiving a retirement benefit after qualifying under section 17851, subsection 4, paragraph A, without optional modification, or is retired under article 3, the surviving spouse is entitled to a retirement benefit which is 1/2 of the amount being paid at the time of the officer's death. The payment shall continue for the remainder of the surviving spouse's lifetime or until he becomes the dependent of another person.
33 34 35 36 37 38 39	For the purpose of this subparagraph, "surviving spouse" means the person the retired officer was married to at the time of retirement or, if the retired officer is divorced or widowed and remarried, the term means the person legally married to the officer at the time of the officer's death.

)	1 2	Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:
)	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	B. Upon the death of a law enforcement officer of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife who is receiving a retirement benefit after qualifying under section 17851, subsection 5, without optional modification, or is retired under article 3, the surviving spouse is entitled to a retirement benefit which is 1/2 of the amount being paid at the time of the officer's death. The payment shall continue for the remainder of the surviving spouse's lifetime or until he becomes the dependent of another person.
	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	For the purpose of this paragraph, "surviving spouse" means the person the retired officer was married to at the time of retirement or, if the retired officer is divorced or widowed and remarried, the term means the person legally married to the officer at the time of the officer's death.
	2·1 2·2	<pre>Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:</pre>
	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	B. Upon the death of a law enforcement officer of the Department of Marine Resources who is receiving a retirement benefit after qualifying under section 17851, subsection 6, without optional modification, or is retired under article 3, the surviving spouse is entitled to a retirement benefit which is 1/2 of the amount being paid at the time of the officer's death. The payment shall continue for the remainder of the surviving spouse's lifetime or until he becomes the dependent of another person.
	34 35 36 37 38 39 40	For the purpose of this paragraph, "surviving spouse" means the person the retired officer was married to at the time of retirement or, if the retired officer is divorced or widowed and remarried, the term means the person legally married to the officer at the time of the officer's death.

1	Sec.	4. Ap	plicatio	n.	This	new	draft	shall
2	apply to	all ⁻	members	retiri	ng af	ter	Septembe	r 30,
3	1985, and	to th	e detern	nination	of s	pous	al benef:	its in
4	a case w	nere a	member	retired	prio	r to	Septembe	er 30,
5	1985, but	dies a	fter Sep	tember 3	30, 19	85.		

STATEMENT OF FACT

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7 This new draft changes the definition of spouse to 8 include divorced spouses for the special spousal 9 benefits for state police, inland fisheries and wildlife officers, and marine resource wardens.

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