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In Senate, March 14, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Winthrop, Representative PARADIS of Augusta and Representative CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning Retirement Benefits for Certain Law Enforcement Positions.



3	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17708, sub-§1, ¶¶B and C, as enacted by PL 1985, c.801, §§5 and 7, are amended to read:
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7	B. The Chief of the State Police; er
9	C. A member of the State Police or Chief of the State Police who is appointed Commissioner of Public Safety. : or
11	Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17708, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:
13	D. A liquor enforcement officer appointed under Title 25, section 3901.
15	Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801,
17	\$\\$5 and 7, is amended to read:
19	4. State police. A state police officer, including a liquor enforcement officer appointed under Title 25, section
21	3901, qualifies for a service retirement benefit if he that officer:
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25	A. Became a state police officer or a liquor enforcement officer after July 9, 1943, but before September 1, 1984, and retires after completing 20 years of creditable service
27	as a state police officer or a liquor enforcement officer, which may include creditable service under section 17760,
29	subsection 1, but may not include creditable service under section 17760, subsection 2; or
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33	B. Became a state police officer <u>or a liquor enforcement</u> <u>officer</u> after August 31, 1984, and completed 25 years of creditable service as a state police officer <u>or a liquor</u>
35	enforcement officer.
37	Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is repealed.
39	Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §17856, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and
41	7, is amended to read:
43	§17856. Interchangeable benefits for law enforcement officers
45	Any service retirement benefits earned <u>under this article</u> by
47	a law enforcement officer or a liquor enforcement officer appointed under Title 25, section 3901 under-this-article which are substantially similar or equal are interchangeable.
49	Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801,
51	\$\sqrt{5}\$ and 7, is amended to read:

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

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1	6. Police Officer Special Plan #1. A retirement benefit
	equal to 1/2 of his the average final compensation to a police
3	officer, including the chief of a police department, who has
	completed at least 25 years of creditable service in that
5	capacity and who retires upon or after reaching age 55. For the
	purposes of this section "police officer" includes a liquor
7	enforcement officer appointed under Title 25, section 3901.
9	Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §18459, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and
9	7, is amended to read:
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	State law enforcement officers are eligible for retirement
23	benefits after 25 years of service at age 55. This bill
	recognizes that state liquor enforcement officers are law
25	enforcement officers and are entitled to the same retirement
	benefits as other officers.