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House of Representatives, January 23, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representative HEINO of Boothbay.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act Related to Ordinary Death Benefits under the Maine State Retirement System as It Affects Terminally III Members.



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

Sec. 1. Maine State Retirement System death benefits to surviving spouses. Notwithstanding Public Law 1991, chapter 469, a qualifying member of the Maine State Retirement System who was receiving a disability retirement benefit on or after October 9, 1991 due to a terminal condition as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-A, section 5-701 and who dies as a result of that terminal condition before July 1, 1993 is deemed to have died after July 1, 1993 for the purposes of calculating and awarding benefits to a surviving spouse, including a surviving spouse of a qualifying member who dies before completing the age and service requirements for service retirement, as provided pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter 469.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill affords to a surviving spouse of a member of the Maine State Retirement System who dies due to a terminal condition before changes made in death benefits pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter 469 take effect the same benefits as would be available after that law has taken effect.