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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

No. 91

H.P. 61

Legislative Document

House of Representatives, January 21, 1993

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

Joseph W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

### STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Retirement Laws.

Вe	it	enacted	by	the	Peop	ple	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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	Sec. 1.	5 MRSA	§17956	is	enacted	to	read:	
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## §17956. Payment of ordinary death benefits under former Title 5, section 1124

8 : :	Any surviving spouse who was receiving ordinary death
1 73	benefits from the Maine State Retirement System under former
10	Any surviving spouse who was receiving ordinary death benefits from the Maine State Retirement System under former section 1124 and who became ineligible to receive those benefits
	because that surviving spouse became the dependent of another
12	person is entitled to have those benefit payments resumed when
	that surviving spouse is no longer the dependent of another
14	person. The surviving spouse must give written notice to the
	executive director within one year from the date of change in
16	status as a dependent in order to be eligible for benefits under
	this section.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

Under the former provisions governing the payment of ordinary death benefits from the Maine State Retirement System, the surviving spouse became ineligible to receive any benefit if that spouse became the dependent of another person. This bill provides that eligibility resumes when the surviving spouse is no longer the dependent of another person.

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