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**STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1304, L.D. 1847, Bill, "An Act to Modify the Retirement Laws for the 38th Training Troop of the Maine State Police"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Modify the Retirement Laws for Certain Law Enforcement Officers'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Calculation of retirement benefits of Maine State Police Sergeant David McPherson. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the service retirement benefit of Maine State Police Sergeant David McPherson, based on membership service performed under either the retirement plan for forest rangers with qualification requirements as provided under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17851, subsection 8 or the retirement plan for state police officers with qualification requirements as provided in Title 5, section 17851, subsection 4, paragraph B, must be calculated as if all service were performed under the forest ranger retirement plan.'

FISCAL NOTE

Allowing a law enforcement officer who has participated in two special retirement plans to count all of his service credit under the plan with more favorable retirement provisions would increase the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 18-A, unfunded liabilities may not be created except

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those that result from experience losses. The Maine State Retirement System will require one-time additional General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations, the amounts of which can not be determined at this time, representing the full actuarial value of the increase to the unfunded liability resulting from this change. The change in service credit provisions may also increase the normal cost component of the employer retirement rate and may result in additional ongoing retirement costs to the Department of Public Safety.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that the Maine State Retirement System retirement benefit of Maine State Police Chief David McPherson must be calculated under the requirements of the so-called "25/50 special retirement plan" that Sergeant McPherson was covered by when he began law enforcement service as a forest ranger.

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