

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 2125

H.P. 1503

House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

An Act to Improve Public Sector Labor Relations.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

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

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Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §964-A is enacted to read:

§964-A. Continuation of existing contract

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a contract between a public employer and a bargaining agent expires prior to the parties' agreement on a new contract, the terms of the previous contract control, and the previous contract continues until the execution of a new contract between the parties.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §979-R is enacted to read:

§979-R. Continuation of existing contract

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a contract between a public employer and a bargaining agent expires prior to the parties' agreement on a new contract, the terms of the previous contract control, and the previous contract continues until the execution of a new contract between the parties.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1284-A is enacted to read:

§1284-A. Continuation of existing contract

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a contract between a public employer and a bargaining agent expires prior to the parties' agreement on a new contract, the terms of the previous contract control, and the previous contract continues until the execution of a new contract between the parties.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the continuation of a contract for a public employee if that contract expires prior to a new contract agreement.