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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999**

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No. 1376

H.P. 978

House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

An Act to Amend the Retirement Benefit Qualifications for Department of Corrections Employees.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, MUSE of South Portland, O'BRIEN of Augusta,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TOBIN of Dexter, USHER of Westbrook, WHEELER of
Bridgewater, Senator: MURRAY of Penobscot.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 4	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§11, as amended by PL 1997, c. 769, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
6	11. Department of Corrections employees. An employee of the Department of Corrections who is employed in a correctional
8	facility or whose duties involve contact with prisoners,
10	<pre>probationers, parolees or juveniles qualifies for a service retirement benefit if that person:</pre>
12	A. Was employed in one of those capacities before September 1, 1984 and:
14	(1) Completes 20 years of creditable service in one or
16	more of those capacities; and
18	(2) Retires upon or after reaching 50 years of age; or
<b>2</b> 0	B. Was employed in one of those capacities after August 31, 1984 and completed 25 years of creditable service in one or more of those capacities.
24 26	Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 769, §11, is amended to read:
_	E. Maine-State-Prison Department of Corrections employees
28	to whom section 17851, subsection 11,-paragraph-B applies;
30	SUMMARY
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34	This bill amends the qualifications for service retirement benefits and participation in the 1998 Special Plan under the Maine State Retirement System to include any employee of the
36	Department of Corrections who is employed in a correctional facility or whose duties involve contact with prisoners,
38	probationers, parolees or juveniles.