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8	STATE OF MAINE	
10	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE	
12	SECOND REGULAR SESSION	
14	HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 625.	
16	HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 625, L.D. 1790, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Designation of a Beneficiary of Maine State Retirement System	
18	Benefits"	
20	Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 23 to 25 in	
22	amendment) and inserting in its place the following:	
24 26	'Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:	
20	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not	
28	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and	
30	Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the	
32	expiration of the 90-day period so that all those people who may benefit from the provisions of this legislation may take	
34	advantage of these provisions in a timely fashion; and	
36	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of	
38	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and	
40	safety; now, therefore,	
42	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
44	Further amend the amendment by striking out all section 17, (page 12, lines 32 to 38 in amendment) and inserting in its place	
46	the following:	

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

	HOUSE AMENDMENT 'H' to COMMITTEE AMENDM	MENT "A" to S.F	P. 625, L.D.
	specified constitute		
2	estimates and not		
-	appropriated funds.		
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6	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
8	TOTAL	\$9,848	\$59,089
10	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
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1.4	Teacher Retirement		
14	Personal Services	# 20 226	\$169,954
16	Personal Services	\$28,326	\$109,954
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48		\$28,326	\$169,954
50	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$38,174	\$229,043

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 625, L.D. 1790

2	Sec.20. Allocation. The following the Highway Fund to carry out the purpo		ated from
4	the magnitude of the property of the property	1999-00	2000-01
6	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL	2777 00	2000 01
8	SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
10	Salary Plan		
12	Personal Services	\$3,648	\$21,889
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44	preamble, this Act takes effect when ap	proved.'	
46	Further amend the amendment by any nonconsecutive Part letter or	_	
48	consecutively.		-

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FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$38,174 and the Highway Fund cost of the bill by \$3,648 in fiscal year 1999-00.

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Allowing a retiree to make a one-time change in beneficiary will increase the normal cost component of the employer retirement rate by an additional 0.02% of salaries for state employees and teachers, resulting in increased employer contributions to the Maine State Retirement System of \$50,348 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$302,088 in fiscal year 2000-01. Since this change is being made on a prospective basis, it will not increase the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System and, as such, will not violate the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 18-A, which prohibits the creation of unfunded liabilities except those that result from experience losses.

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Additional General Fund appropriations of \$28,326 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$169,954 in fiscal year 2000-01 are included to fund the teachers' retirement portion. The estimated employer costs to the General Fund and Highway Fund for state employees are estimated to be \$9,848 and \$3,648, respectively, in fiscal year 1999-00. The estimated employer costs to the General Fund and Highway Fund for state employees are estimated to be \$59,089 and \$21,889, respectively, in fiscal year 2000-01. General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations in these amounts are included to provide funds in the salary plan reserve accounts in event that the increase in the employer retirement contribution rates and other personal services expenses exceed the allotments in General Fund and Highway Fund accounts in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. The cost to accounts in other funds, estimated to be \$8,526 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$51,156 in fiscal year 2000-01, may require increased allotments to meet these additional personal services expenditures.

38 40 The additional costs associated with processing changes in beneficiaries will be absorbed by the Maine State Retirement System utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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2	SUMMARY		
4	This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.		
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8	SPONSORED BY: Edgas Wheeler		
10	SPONSORED BY: Edges Wheeler (Representative E. WHEELER)		
12	TOWN: Bridgewater		

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