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House of Representatives, January 25, 2005

An Act To Provide Equal Treatment for All Veterans in the Laws Governing the Maine State Retirement System

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield.
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and
Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, GROSE of Woolwich, JACOBSEN of
Waterboro, LEWIN of Eliot, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport, WHEELER of
Kittery, Senator: COURTNEY of York.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17760, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 693, §3, is amended to read:

6 A. A member may purchase service credit at the cost set
8 forth in subsection 4 if the member has at least 15 years of
10 creditable service at the time of retirement, the member
12 makes payment as required under subsection 4 and the member:

14 (1) Began membership prior to January 1, 1976~~+~~.

16 ~~(2) Served in the United States Armed Forces during
18 any federally recognized period of conflict; or~~

20 ~~(3) Was awarded an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, a
22 Combat Action Ribbon, a Combat Infantry Badge or any
24 other campaign or expeditionary medal and the receipt
26 of such a medal would allow the member to be considered
28 "preference-eligible" under 5 United States Code,
30 Section 2108(3)(A) or 2108(3)(B). A member described
32 in this subparagraph is entitled to purchase service
34 credit at the cost set forth in subsection 4 only if a
36 cost subsidy for that member's service credit has been
38 paid to the retirement system as provided in subsection
40 6.~~

42 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17760, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 693, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17760, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 693, §3, is repealed.

SUMMARY

 This bill allows members of the Maine State Retirement System with at least 15 years of creditable service who served in the Armed Forces of the United States to purchase service credit for the time spent in the armed forces at a subsidized cost, whether or not the military time was during a federally recognized period of conflict or the member was awarded a campaign or expeditionary medal.