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H.P. 365

House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

An Act To Align the Criteria Used by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in Determining Veterans' Disability Claims with the Criteria Used by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Gray, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FOLEY of Wells, FREY of Bangor, GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SHEATS of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17904, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

3 **3. Qualification of a disabled veteran.** A member who is a disabled veteran who
4 has been awarded a disability pension under 38 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 3.3
5 (2003) for a service-connected disability qualifies for a disability retirement benefit under
6 this article. This subsection applies to all applications for disability retirement benefits
7 filed on or after January 1, 2018.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides that a veteran who is a member of the Maine Public Employees
10 Retirement System and who has been awarded a disability pension under 38 Code of
11 Federal Regulations, Section 3.3 (2003) for a service-connected disability is qualified for
12 disability retirement benefits under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 423,
13 article 3. The provisions of the bill apply to all applications for disability retirement
14 benefits filed on or after January 1, 2018.