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Any participating district which has selected a retirement provision under this subsection may, by filing with the board of trustees a duly certified copy of its action, discontinue any such benefit as to policemen, including the chief of a police department, hired after the effective date of the action only, and may thereupon substitute for the benefit any other benefit provided for by this chapter, including any other benefit under this subsection. Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to affect in any way the rights of public employees to collectively bargain for terms and conditions of employment.

Effective July 3, 1980

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## CHAPTER 625

### S. P. 655 — L. D. 1694

**AN ACT Relating to the Provision of Telephone Equipment by Telephone Companies to the Hearing Impaired and their Families.**

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

35 MRSA § 2361 is enacted to read:

#### § 2361. Telecommunication services for the Hearing Impaired

1. Toll call rates. The commission shall establish a rate for toll calls to and from deaf and hearing impaired persons who must rely on teletypewriters for telephone communications, which rate takes into account the greater amount of time required for deaf persons to conduct a telephone conversation using such devices.

2. Moneys for telecommunication typewriters. The Bureau of Rehabilitation within the Department of Human Services, pursuant to any appropriation of moneys to the bureau for telecommunication typewriters for the hearing impaired, shall, upon request, provide up to 50% of the cost of telecommunication typewriters to any organization or municipality that makes available the remaining funds for this equipment in a manner satisfactory to the Director of the Bureau of Rehabilitation.

Effective July 3, 1980