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valid during the year of issue. The reduced fees are as follows:

A. Twenty dollars, plus the issuing fee for a combination fishing and hunting license;

B. Ten dollars, plus the issuing fee for a hunting license; and

C. Ten dollars, plus the issuing fee for a fishing license.

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CHAPTER 250

H.P. 743 - L.D. 1033

An Act to Allow Former Employees of Head Start Credit in the Maine State Retirement System

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17764, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 709, §3, is amended to read:

§17764. Vista, Peace Corps, Head Start and foreign teaching

Members who served in the Peace Corps, foreign or domestic, the Volunteers in Service to America Program, or the Fulbright Exchange Program or who taught children of United States Foreign Service Corps personnel outside the continental United States or United States Armed Forces personnel located in any foreign country on a regularly established United States military base; or who served as an employee of a Head Start program in Maine may purchase service credit for that service under the following conditions. For the purposes of this section "members" means state employees and teachers.

1. Limit on service credit. The service credit may not exceed 2 years.

2. Creditable service required. Members whose service in these organizations preceded their becoming members in the Maine State Retirement System must, on the date of retirement, have at least 15 years of creditable service.

3. Return to employment. Members who terminated service in the State as state employees or teachers prior to service with these organizations must return to state employment or active teaching in the State within one year of the completion of service in these organizations.

4. Payment to fund. Members must, before any retirement benefit becomes effective, pay into the Members' Contribution Fund by a single direct payment or annual direct payments to the retirement system an amount that, together with regular interest on that amount, is the actuarial equivalent, at the effective date of the retirement benefit, of the portion of the retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service. Payments must be made as provided in section 17701.

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CHAPTER 251

H.P. 856 - L.D. 1213

An Act Regarding the Effective Date of Guardian Ad Litem Training

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1507, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c. 257, §2 and affected by §6, is further amended to read:

2. Qualifications. A guardian ad litem appointed on or after ~~September 1, 1998~~ March 1, 2000 must meet the qualifications established by the Supreme Judicial Court.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4005, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1997, c. 257, §5, is further amended to read:

A. The court, in every child protection proceeding except a request for a preliminary protection order under section 4034 or a petition for a medical treatment order under section 4071, but including hearings on those orders, shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the child. The guardian ad litem's reasonable costs and expenses must be paid by the District Court. The appointment must be made as soon as possible after the proceeding is initiated. Guardians ad litem appointed on or after ~~September 1, 1998~~ March 1, 2000 must meet the qualifications established by the Supreme Judicial Court.

Sec. 3. PL 1995, c. 405, §25, first ¶, 4th sentence is amended to read:

The program must be implemented by ~~September 1, 1997~~ November 1, 1999.

Sec. 4. PL 1995, c. 405, §25, sub-§4 is amended to read: