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2314

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE  
LAW REQUIRING ADULT CHILDREN  
TO CARE FOR PARENTS ACCORDING  
TO ABILITY

Kelleher

ND ID 1815  
ENACT PL, C. 701

**SUMMARY:** The original bill repealed a section of the domestic relations statutes which required adult children living or owning property in Maine to care for their parents according to their financial ability.

The new draft removes other statutory provisions in the domestic relations, general assistance and mental retardation statutes requiring adult children to care for their parents. The bill also clarifies that when a person eligible for general assistance dies, the dead person's children may be held responsible for the burial costs.

2316

AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISABILITY  
RETIREMENT PROVISIONS

Hickey

LV/WD

**SUMMARY:** Would have required consideration of ability to do work offering comparable pay before a disability retirement benefit may be granted; reduced the period for review of a recipient's capacity to perform any substantially gainful work from 5 to 3 years; allowed the retirement system to enter agreements to provide rehabilitation services; allowed a recipient to continue to receive a disability allowance for 9 months after returning to work; provided for reinstatement as a disability recipient for up to 5 years after returning to work if disabled by the original condition; and made changes in the earnings allowed while receiving a disability allowance. Permission was requested to study the issue.