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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

to 14 members. The four new members would be appointed by the Governor from lists of three names submitted by each of the auxiliaries of the largest veterans organizations. This would have added women to the board.

LD AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR LVWD
443 EARLY RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF TEACHING

Sponsor: HANDY, Joseph, Warren, Paradis J
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have allowed teachers who had taught for 30 years or more, at least 20 of that service being in Maine, to retire before age 60 without any reduction in pension because of early retirement.

LD AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN PRIVILEGES TO DISABLED PL 1987
481 AMERICAN VETERANS c. 352

Sponsor: TRACY, Kany, Hickey, Nutting
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill extends two privileges to veterans who are 100% disabled. First, it entitles the veteran to a complimentary hunting or fishing license. Second, it removes the requirement that a disabled veteran had to have served in a combat zone in order to qualify for a free special automobile license plate.

LD RESOLVE, TO CONTINUE THE COMMISSION TO STUDY RESOLVES
514 THE INTEGRATION OF THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT c. 53
SYSTEM WITH THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY EMERGENCY
SYSTEM

Sponsor: CLARK, N., Jalbert, Maybury, Perry
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
S-5 COMMITTEE
S-271 PEARSON

SUMMARY: The bill provides for a continuation of the Commission to Study the Integration of the Maine State Retirement System with the United States Social Security System. The Commission submitted a report at the beginning of the present Legislature comparing the benefits of the two systems. In the second year, the original draft would have provided money for the commission to work with the actuary of the Maine State Retirement System to develop a specific proposal to provide a new option within the Maine

State Retirement System which would function as a true supplement to Social Security. At present many of the benefits are duplicative resulting in unnecessary expense to both employers and employees.

The committee amendment (S-5) made small changes in the appropriation reflecting a surplus from the previous year. The senate amendment to the committee amendment (S-271) removed the money for the actuary. As passed the commission will act as an advisory group to the Maine State Retirement System.

LD 632 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE BENEFITS UNDER STATE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PL 1987 c. 42

Sponsor: ALIBERTI, Crowley, Jalbert, Clark N,
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMAR : The bill makes it clear that participants in the Maine Legislative Retirement System can participate in the group life insurance program offered to state employees.

LD 644 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PENSION RIGHTS TO MORRIS G. PILOT ND LD 1344

Sponsor: DIAMOND, Lebowitz, Stevens P, Baldacci
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1344

SUMMARY: See New Draft 1344

LD 702 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT FOR GOVERNORS PL 1987 c. 422

Sponsor: PARADIS P, Hickey, Perkins
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 60

SUMMARY: The original draft of the bill (LD 60) reduced the retirement age of former governors from age 65 to age 60. The new draft retained this change and added several clarifications.

The new draft makes it clear that the pension of the former governor is calculated as of the time the former governor reaches age 60. In addition, it changes the spouses benefit. If the former governor dies after reaching age 60 and the spouse is age 60 or over, the spouse's pension is calculated as a continuation of the former governor's benefits. If the governor was under age 60 and the spouse