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BILL SUMMARY



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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

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

was over age 60, the spouse would receive a pension equal to 3/8 of the salary of the governor in office at the time of the former governor's death. If the spouse is under age 60, he/she can choose to wait until age 60 and receive a pension equal to 3/8 of the governor's salary in office at that time he/she reaches age 60 or choose to receive an actuarially reduced pension before reaching age 60.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RETIRED STATE ONTP
772 TROOPERS WITH HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Webster C, Gwadosky, Tardy
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill would have allowed state troopers who retired before January 1, 1978 to enroll in the state's group health insurance program even if they had allowed their membership to lapse when they retired.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS OR ND LD 1637
843 HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO RETIRED TEACHERS

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Randall, Matthews Z, Gould
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1637

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1637

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF MILITARY LVWD
887 SERVICE TIME

Sponsor: BALDACCI,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: When the provisions allowing Viet Nam veterans, who have worked for the state for 15 years, to purchase military service credits toward Maine State Retirement was enacted, a Viet Nam veteran's cost of purchasing credits was to be based on the veteran's salary during the 12 months preceding the month in which the veteran began payment. Veterans who are eligible for credits based on service in earlier wars purchase credits based on the salary they had when they first joined state service. The bill would have equalized the provisions for both groups of veterans and would have made the cost for Vietnam veterans to purchase service credits based on their salary at the time they joined state service.