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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

First, federal resources for hospital care and continuation of military pay.  
Second, medical discharge and severance pay.  
Third, for a permanent impairment disability and lump sum payments from the Veterans Administration.  
Fourth, workers compensation should be available to make up the void or shortfall in state or federal military benefits.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT LAW REGARDING  
1492 SCHOOLS

PL 1987  
c. 148

Sponsor: LOOK, Randall  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1183

SUMMARY: The original bill would have allowed teachers who worked in private schools to purchase service time in the Maine State Retirement System at the same rate as they would have paid if they had taught in public schools. Present law allows teachers who have taught in public school for at least 10 years and who previously taught in a parochial or private school to purchase up to 10 years of service credit in the Maine State Retirement System for the years taught in the parochial or private school. The teacher pays the full actuarial equivalent of the additional years. The present law stipulates that the teacher must have started teaching before January 1, 1976 and began payment within 30 days of becoming eligible. The new draft repeals the two stipulations. Since the teacher pays the full actuarial equivalent, there is no cost to the retirement system.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING PROHIBITION  
1518 OF EMPLOYMENT PENALTIES OR INTERFERENCE AGAINST  
STATE MILITARY FORCE MEMBERS

PL 1987  
c. 263

Sponsor: DILLENBACK, Jalbert, Begley, Erwin P,  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-85 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill first clarifies and strengthens existing law making it a Class E crime for any person, including an employer, to deprive a member of the Maine Army and Air National Guard of employment rights or otherwise obstructs him with regard to his employment or business because of his membership in the state military forces, or to dissuade any person from enlisting in the state military forces by threat of injury to his/her occupation or business.

The second part of the bill makes it clear that members of the state military forces, who are not on federal active service, are subject to Maine Codes of Military Justice while serving out-of-state and while traveling to and from service out-of-state.

The committee amendment (S-55) adds language to 37-B MRSA §342, subsection 5 which was inadvertently omitted when the subsection was repealed and replaced by the original bill.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION AND APPLICATION ND LD 1640  
1520 OF ACTIVE STATE SERVICE IN THE DEFENSE LAWS

Sponsor: LEBOWITZ, Perry, Hickey, Stevens A,  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1640

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1640

LD AN ACT TO MAKE CONSISTENT THE FEDERAL VETERANS' PL 1987  
1546 REEMPLOYMENT LAW c. 285

Sponsor: HEPBURN, McPherson, Hale, Usher  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-190 COMMITTEE  
H-196 BROWN

SUMMARY: The existing section of the statute did not give employers a clear understanding that members of the Maine Army and Air National Guard or reservists should not lose employment rights when they are on a military leave of absence. The existing statute refers to a maximum of 17 days leave. The changes resulting from this bill clarify the employees and employers rights and obligations. Reference to the 17 day limit is also removed, making open-ended military leaves of absence possible in response to National Guard member's or reservist's orders.

The committee amendment (H-190) repeals a duplicate section of the statute in title 37-B.

The house amendment (H-196) corrects a grammatical error.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE RETIREMENT LAWS ND LD 1818  
1576

Sponsor: PRAY, Michaud  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1818

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1818.