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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

insurance for retired teachers. The major difference between the original and the new draft is that the latter places the authority in the the education statutes and reduces the state's share to 10% of the premiums. The new draft also makes it clear that retired teachers' participation in a health insurance program cannot be contingent on their membership in any organization. Both the original and the new draft make the state support available only to those retired teachers who are members of the Maine State Retirement System and who continued to participate in the group health insurance plan which their school unit offered at the time they retired.

The committee amendment (S-77) makes the bill effective on October 1, 1987.

House Amendment A (H-194) would have allowed any retired teachers who is a member of the Maine State Retirement System to join one of the group health insurance plans for teachers and receive the state support. The effect would have been to allow for an open enrollment in the group health insurance plans. This would have increased the number of participating retired teachers. Increasing the number of retired teacher participants would have increased the basic premium rate for for all participants, retired and active. The result would have been to increase the direct costs of the program and also to increase the indirect costs through the Education Finance Act.

Senate Amendment B (S-107) would have added the same provisions as House Amendment A.

Senate Amendment A to Senate Amendment A (S-255) repeals the appropriations note to the bill. The bill was funded in the Part II Budget.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION AND APPLICATION PL 1987
1640 OF ACTIVE STATE SERVICE IN THE DEFENSE LAWS c. 230

Sponsor: LEBOWITZ, Perry, Hickey, Stevens A,
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1520

SUMMARY: Both the original and the new draft clarifies that the definitions of "active service" and "military forces" are general definitions and not just definitions applicable to the Maine Code of Military Justice. The difference between the two drafts is in the location of the definitions in the statutes.