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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

LD AN ACT TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF GROUP
1703 ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE TO
RETIREED TEACHERS

PL 1987
c. 324

Sponsor: CLARK N, Randall, Stevenson
Committee Report:
Amendments Adopted:
H-233 HICKEY

SUMMARY: The intent of both the original bill and the identical house (H-233) and senate amendments (S-121) was to provide retired teachers access to the group accident and health insurance plans at the same insurance rates paid by active teachers. The intent of the bill was also to give retired teachers the option of joining a new health insurance plan if the active teachers in the school unit in which they taught at retirement choose to join a new plan.

The bill was passed with the House Amendment.

An amendment attached to LD 1818 makes the life insurance provision effective for those retiring after January 1, 1987.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO THE MAINE
1769 STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

PL 1987
c. 256

Sponsor: HICKEY, Clark N, Perry, Lacroix
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 975
Amendments Adopted:
H-273 HICKEY

SUMMARY: The new draft of the bill largely made technical clarifications to the retirement statute and the manner in which it is administered. The major difference between the original draft and the new draft is the elimination of sections amending survivors benefits. The proposal was to allow a beneficiary the option of receiving the equivalent of a reduced retirement benefit based on the deceased members years of service. There was a separate bill dealing with survivors benefits and the committee decided to deal with changes in the survivors benefits in that bill.

The house amendment to the bill removed the requirement that the minimum of 10 years of service required for life insurance benefits to be carried into retirement be "continuous and immediately before retirement."