

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



BILL SUMMARY
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS

MAY 1988

MEMBERS

Sen. Georgette B. Berube *
Sen. Nancy Randall Clark
Sen. Edwin C. Randall

Rep. Daniel B. Hickey *
Rep. Francis J. Perry
Rep. John McSweeney
Rep. Alexander Richard
Rep. John Jalbert
Rep. Lucien A. Dutremble
Rep. Madeline Stevenson
Rep. Jean T. Dellert
Rep. Betty J. Harper
Rep. Kenneth L. Matthews

* Denotes Chair

Staff: Lars Rydell, Legislative Analyst

Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
Room 101, State House Sta. 13
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-1670

EN T. GINDER, DIRECTOR
EN WHITESIDE, DEP. DIRECTOR
ERT W. BREWER
ID C. ELLIOTT
) FLATEBO
THA E. FREEMAN, SR. ATTY.
B. GAUTSCHI
LIAM T. GLIDDEN, JR.



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

ROOM 101/107/135
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL.: (207) 289-1670

JULIE S. JONES
JOHN B. KNOX
EDWARD POTTER
MARGARET J. REINSCH
LARS H. RYDELL
JOHN R. SELSER
CAROLYN J. CHICK, PARALEGAL
ROBERT W. DUNN, RES. ASST.
HARTLEY PALLESCHI, JR. RES. ASST.

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST & SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

| | |
|------------------|--|
| 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 |

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 2595 An Act to Provide for Payment of Contributions by Employers Under the Maine State Retirement System **PUBLIC 739**

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DOW TWITCHELL MAYO HICKEY | | H-627 HICKEY |

SUMMARY
New Draft Of LD 2299

Both the original draft and the new draft made changes in the statutes so that employees' contributions to the retirement system could be treated as tax deferred earnings for the purpose of federal and state income taxes. The new draft added special provisions for executive branch and legislative branch employees who had the option of either receiving a 5% salary differential if they did not join the Retirement System or a 4.5% reduction in salary if they had chosen to participate in a previous plan whereby the state paid the employees contribution to the Retirement System. The new draft also made the tax deferral only applicable to federal tax. Employee contributions would still be subject to state tax. The house amendment added a provision to make it clear that state tax would not be collected on the employees contribution when they were paid out as retirement benefits.

LD 2613 An Act to Establish the Maine Information Commission on Agent Orange and Radiation **P & S 129 EMERGENCY**

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HOLT DELLERT LISNIK PRAY | | H-690 HICKEY S-532 PEARSON |

SUMMARY
New Draft Of LD 2214

The original bill would have established the Maine Agent Orange Information Commission as a independent commission. The commission would have assembled information on the effects of agent orange, establish a registry and health information on Vietnam soldiers, and provided outreach services to veterans.

The new draft made the commission into a legislative study commission. It added World War II era veterans exposed to radiation, referred to as atomic veterans. It also limited the commission's work to collecting information, establishing a register, developing a health information form, and examining how well existing services meet the needs of veterans. The commission is to report first session of the 114th Legislature as to whether the registry should be made an ongoing function of state government and how social services to affected veterans could be improved.