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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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ROLDECOMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WDAMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill broadens the eligibility requirements for the 15% state payment of retired teacher group health insurance to include dependents of eligible participants if those dependents have at least 10 years of creditable service as teachers and receive retirement benefits from the Maine State Retirement System.

LD 375 An Act to Provide that Medical Information in the Files of
the Maine State Retirement System is not Public Information

PUBLIC 76

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DAGGETT
TITCOMBCOMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-42SUMMARY

This bill requires that the Maine State Retirement System treat medical information of any kind that is in its possession as confidential information

Committee Amendment "A" assures that an employee can have access to any medical information pertaining to the employee. It also authorizes access by the employer for claims relating to workers' compensation or other benefits, while preserving the confidentiality of the information, except when involved in proceedings regarding these claims.

LD 414 An Act to Establish a Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Fund

CARRY OVER

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GILL
BUSTINCOMMITTEE REPORTAMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill provides a pension system and death and disability benefits for volunteer firefighters.

LD 426 An Act to Provide for Division of Omitted Marital Property

PUBLIC 150

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MELENDY
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CROWLEY
HOLLOWAYCOMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-119 HICKEY
H-152 ANTHONYSUMMARY

In 1983, the United States Congress gave states the right to allocate a portion of a person's military retirement to that person's spouse upon a divorce. There was, however, no provision for persons divorced before 1983. This bill allows persons divorced from members of the Armed Forces before 1983 to bring a court action for partition of the member's retirement benefits.

Committee Amendment "A" makes a technical correction and adds a fiscal note which states that any court costs involved can be absorbed by the Judicial Department.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" replaces the word "partition" by the words 'set aside or divide'.

**LD 459 An Act to Allow Teachers to Obtain Retirement Benefits at 55
Years of Age if They Have 30 Years of Service**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, members of the Maine State Retirement System may qualify for retirement benefits upon reaching 60 years of age or upon completion of 25 years of service. However, those who retire after 25 years of service before reaching 60 years of age have their retirement benefit reduced by the percentage that a life annuity due at 60 years of age bears to the life annuity due at the age at which the person actually retires. This bill allows teachers to qualify for full retirement benefits at 55 years of age if they have completed 30 years of service.

**LD 480 An Act to Allow Certain Former State Employees to be
Eligible for State Health Insurance**

LV/WD

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HICKEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, persons who leave State employment prior to retirement but with at least 10 years of service are eligible for retirement benefits at age 60 but are not eligible for continuance of state health insurance, as are persons who retire directly from state service regardless of the length of their