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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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.

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

Committee Amendment "A" accomplishes the following:

1. Adds Vocational-Technical Institute System employees to those persons who may continue to be members of the Maine State Retirement System while on leave of absence to serve in the Legislature; and
2. Eliminates the provision that members of the Maine Judicial Retirement System who have reached 71 years of age may not earn creditable service toward retirement benefits or receive state contributions toward their retirement.

**LD 763 An Act Concerning Retirement Benefits for Certain Law
Enforcement Positions**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BUSTIN

LV/WD

NORTON

PARADIS P

CARROLL D

SUMMARY

State law enforcement officers are eligible for retirement benefits after 25 years of service at age 55. This bill entitles state liquor enforcement officers to the same retirement benefits as other officers.

**LD 848 An Act Relating to Ordinary Death Benefits Under the Maine
State Retirement System**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MANNING

OTP-AM

H-103

HICKEY

DELLERT

CLARK N

SUMMARY

This bill makes the "automatic option 2" available to the beneficiaries of all members of the Maine State Retirement System who die while in service, regardless of the number of years of service or age at the time of death of the member. Under the present statute, when a member dies after becoming eligible to retire, certain eligible beneficiaries are given the option of receiving a retirement benefit equal to the amount that the member would have received if the member had retired on the day of death. The change that would be made by this bill is to make that option available to the beneficiary of any deceased member. In many instances a member dies after having earned a benefit in excess of the benefit payable to the member's beneficiary under the survivor's benefits provisions, but the retirement benefit is not available to the beneficiary if the member has not completed 25 years of creditable service or reached normal retirement age.

Committee Amendment "A" adds appropriation and allocation sections to the bill.