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**STATE OF MAINE  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**



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JUNE 1990**

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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP  
OTP-ND  
OTP-ND-NT  
OTP-A  
ONTP  
LVWD  
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass  
Ought to Pass in New Draft  
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title  
Ought to Pass as Amended  
Ought Not to Pass  
Leave to Withdraw  
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, 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.

**LD 1863**     **An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Purchase of  
Military Service Credits by Members of the Maine State  
Retirement System**

**PUBLIC 907**

**SPONSOR(S)**

LISNIK  
TITCOMB

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-796  
S-719     PEARSON

**SUMMARY**

Current law allows credit for service in the armed forces to members of the Maine State Retirement System if they began membership prior to January 1, 1976, except in the case of Vietnam veterans who must have begun state service prior to January 1, 1988. This bill allows credit to Vietnam veterans regardless of when their state service began.

Committee Amendment "A" adds service during any period of conflict to this exemption from the state employment date requirement.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" prohibits the use, without legislative approval, of a position in state government that becomes vacant due to the Governor's program to reduce the state work force through an employee incentive program. This approval is to be requested in the next services budget. There is an exception to this prohibition when the health or safety of the public is involved. The Department of Administration is to submit a list of all vacancies to be filled to the Appropriations Committee by August 1, 1990.

**LD 1914**     **An Act to Further Facilitate the Conversion of the Records  
of the Maine State Retirement System to an Automated System**

**PUBLIC 719**

**SPONSOR(S)**

DELLERT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-838  
H-850     HICKEY

**SUMMARY**

The law presently permits members of the Retirement System to make payments of back contributions, repayment of withdrawn contributions and payment of contributions for military service, out-of-state service and private and parochial school teaching service, on an installment basis, either by direct payment or by payroll deduction. This bill requires these payments to be made in a single payment. This bill also amends the group life insurance program to provide a basis for setting the amount of a participant's insurance coverage in such a manner that the level of coverage and amount of premiums collected may be reconciled and audited by the automated system.

Committee Amendment "A" allows payments for service credit to be made in annual direct payments and allows those currently utilizing payroll deductions to continue to do so.

House Amendment "A" adds a fiscal note to the committee amendment.