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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 1963      An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Portion of the Health  
Insurance Premium for Dependents of Retired State Employees**

**INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FARNSWORTH	OTP-AM      MAJ	H-804    MAJ REP
BUSTIN	ONTP      MIN	
HICKEY		
BURKE		

**SUMMARY**

Currently, the law requires the State to pay 100% of the health insurance premium for state employees and retirees but requires nothing toward dependent coverage for state employees and retirees, other than legislators. However, through collective bargaining, the State is required to pay 60% of dependent medical premiums for active employees.

This bill requires the State to pay 60% of the health insurance premium for dependent coverage for retired state employees.

Committee Amendment "A" changes the figure for State participation to 10%.

**LD 1969      Resolve, to Require a Comprehensive Study to Equalize Maine  
State Retired Teachers Health Insurance Premium Payments**

**INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
NORTON	OTP-AM	H-839
AULT		
CARROLL D		
CLARK N		

**SUMMARY**

This bill sets up a commission to study the possibility of making retired teachers health insurance premium payments by the State equal to premium payments for all other state employees in the Maine State Retirement System.

Committee Amendment "A" changes the composition of the study commission by substituting one member of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance and of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs for one of the 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and of the Joint Standing Committee on Education. It eliminates one of the 2 teachers, the member from the Maine State Retirement System and one of the 2 appointees from the Maine School Management Association. In their place are added an appointee of the Maine State Retired Teachers Association, a representative of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine and a representative from a private company that provides self-insurance.

Committee Amendment "A" also adds material that specifies the questions to be examined and the method for examining them to the section dealing with the duties of the commission. The addition of this material is in accordance with the directions of the Legislative Council.

Lastly, Committee Amendment "A" indicates that if the commission is assigned staff by the Legislative Council, it must complete its study by October 1, 1990 and submit its report and legislation by November 1, 1990.