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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS**

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 51

An Act to Increase the Flexibility of Survivor Benefit Laws

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
BUSTIN
PARADIS P
DAGGETT
PRAY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows a retiree to change beneficiaries with the agreement of the original spouse. Under current law, when a retiree divorces, the retiree is unable to remove the divorced spouse as the retirement survivor benefit beneficiary.

LD 107

An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Costs for Retired State Employees and Retired Teachers

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
PRAY
MARTIN J
BUSTIN
MITCHELL E

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-235

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Maine State Retirement System to pay Medicare Part B premiums for state retirees and retired teachers.

LD 137

An Act to Change the Time Required for Purchase of Armed Forces Service Credit

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
GOULD R A

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill changes from 15 to 10 the number of years of state service required to be eligible to purchase credit for service in the armed forces.

LD 221

An Act to Decrease the Number of Years of Service Required for Receipt of Retirement Benefits

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MACBRIDE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill changes the required number of years of creditable service for a surviving spouse to receive benefits to 20, but provides that an actuarial equivalent of 1/25 of the benefit due with 25 years of service would be deducted for each year of total service that is less than 25 years. Currently, a member of the Maine State Retirement System must reach age 60 or have 25 years of service to qualify for retirement benefits.