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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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>

These summaries were 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.

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

LD 303

An Act to Extend the Right to Purchase Service Credits to State Employees Who Had Military Service in Grenada or Panama

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
AULT
NORTON
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JALBERT

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill adds to the list of those eligible for retirement credit, those who served in Grenada and Panama during the periods of conflict in those countries. Under current law, members of the Maine State Retirement System who served in the armed forces, regardless of location, during any federally recognized period of conflict are entitled to retirement credit for this service.

LD 370

An Act Regarding Purchase of Service Credit by Members Who Previously Taught in Other than Public Schools

PUBLIC 558

SPONSOR(S)
DUTREMBLE D

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-115

SUMMARY

This bill changes the method of purchase of creditable service for teachers who taught in other than public schools. Under the provisions of this bill, the teacher will pay for the nonpublic school years at the rate effective at the time of that service. Interest on the payment will be charged from the time of the nonpublic teaching service at a rate to be determined by the board of trustees of the Maine State Retirement System.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-115) replaces the bill. The amendment changes the conditions under which a member of the retirement system who taught in a parochial school or in a public or private academy may purchase service credit and adds those provisions to the laws relating to participating local districts. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

LD 405

An Act to Increase Allowable Earnings under the Disability Retirement Laws

LV/WD

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MANNING
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HANDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill raises the amount from \$10,000 to \$15,000 that a beneficiary of disability retirement may earn before that disability benefit is reduced.