

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 528**

**An Act to Permit Portability of Teacher Retirement Credits**

**CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HANDY		
MCCORMICK		
O'DEA		
DUTREMBLE L		

**SUMMARY**

This bill enacts a compact for pension portability that has been adopted in Rhode Island. The bill allows persons who are employed as teachers to transfer retirement credits between states which have adopted the compact.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 532**

**An Act to Continue Disability Payments to Retirees**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MCCORMICK	LV/WD	
AULT		
CLARK N		
WENTWORTH		

**SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the provision that a person is automatically shifted from disability pay to normal retirement pay at age 70. Under this bill the switch is made only when the retiree receives more compensation as a result of the switch. Currently, persons on retirement disability receive 2/3 of their regular compensation until regular retirement compensation exceeds that amount or until they are 10 years past the normal retirement age of 60 years.

**LD 646**

**An Act to Provide for the Recovery of Overpayments by the Maine State Retirement System**

**PUBLIC 184**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK N	OTP-AM	S-97
EMERSON		
HEINO		
DUTREMBLE L		

**SUMMARY**

This bill permits the Maine State Retirement System to recover from a retiree's benefits the amount of any overpayment or excess refund of contributions.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-97) provides that interest may not be collected on overpayments or excess contributions if the overpayment or excess contribution was the result of an unintentional mistake by an employee of the retirement system, the retiree or the recipient of the benefit.