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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Group Life Insurance Program for Members of the Maine State Retirement System

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 S-223 MCCORMICK

SUMMARY

This bill amends several of the provisions relating to the group life insurance program administered by the Maine State Retirement System for state employees, teachers and employees of participating local districts and their dependents. Specifically, the bill:

1. Provides that information relating to designation of beneficiaries and amount of coverage of persons participating in this group life insurance program is confidential and not "public records";
2. Designates the effective date for increased coverage when a participant's compensation increases;
3. Makes it clear that a participant who is employed by 2 or more employers whose employees are eligible to participate in this program may insure dependents no more than once;
4. Requires that a designation of beneficiary or a change of designation of beneficiary must be received in the retirement system office to be in effect;
5. Changes the procedures for application for coverage; and
6. Makes several technical changes relating to continuation of coverage for participants who retire.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-223) changes the original bill to adopt a simplified and more stable process for setting the amount of group life insurance coverage based on gross earnings under the plan administered by the Maine State Retirement System. The retirement system would implement this process beginning in April of 1992.

An Act to Amend the Calculation Procedure for Final Average Compensation under the Maine State Retirement Laws in Cases of Furloughs

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of average final compensation for the purposes of the Maine State Retirement System to provide that the average final compensation of a member who is furloughed is calculated as if the member were not furloughed.