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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
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>

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 1815

An Act to Authorize Employees of a Participating Local District to Participate in a Qualified Alternative Pension Plan

PUBLIC 300

SPONSOR(S)
MANNING
JALBERT
HANDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to permit employees of participating local districts who are not subject to the laws governing municipal public employees labor relations to choose whether or not to be members of the Maine State Retirement System as part of the defined benefit plan and to participate in the defined contribution plan offered under the participating local district consolidated plan. The bill also provides for use of benefit provisions from the chapter relating to state employees and teachers in the participating local district consolidated plan.

LD 1864

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Maine Veterans Small Business Loans to Include Veterans who Served in the Persian Gulf

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MARTIN J
PRAY
JALBERT
KERR

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill specifies that the term "veteran" includes persons who served in the war in the Persian Gulf.

LD 1935

An Act to Change the State Payment for Health Insurance Benefits for New State Employees with Less than 10 Years of Service and Provide for a Study of Retirement Benefits Provided to New Employees (Pursuant to Joint Order SP681)

**PUBLIC 527
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-648 JALBERT
S-380 CLARK N

SUMMARY

This bill was reported by the majority of the Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans pursuant to Joint Order. The bill reduces the share paid by the State for group health insurance premiums for retirees who were first employed by the State after July 1, 1991 and who work for the State for less than 10 years before retiring. The amount of the reduction is based on the number of years that the retiree worked for the State. The bill also requires a study of alternative retirement benefits that could be provided to new state employees.

House Amendment "A" (H-648) clarifies the role of the Legislative Council in direction of the study and removes authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans to report out legislation.