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BILL SUMMARIES  
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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-475) removes all of the original bill except for 2 sections. The section of the original bill requiring an actuary's analysis of legislation is amended to require that analysis upon a request of either the retirement committee or a member of that committee. The section of the original bill permitting the imposition of fees and penalties against employers for the improper application of statutes is also retained. The amendment also extends the period during which the benefit level under the new disability plan will remain at 59% for 2 more years and requires the retirement system to continue to analyze the experience under the plan. The application of various cost-of-living provisions is clarified. The former cap on earnable compensation will be applied in any instances where the recently enacted cap does not apply and the application of the former cap in these instances is retroactive to July 1, 1993. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1627 An Act to Amend the Structure of Veterans' Services**

PUBLIC 694

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CAHILL	OTP-AM	S-397 S-411 TITCOMB S-623 PEARSON

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the position title from Supervisor of the Division of Veterans' Services to Director of Operations of the Division of Veterans' Services throughout the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, chapter 7. This bill also reassigns the supervision of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery to the Director of Operations.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-397) adds an appropriation and fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-411) clarifies that the Adjutant General is the appointing authority for the Director of Operations of the Division of Veterans' Services.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-623) replaces the appropriation section and provides funds for the position upgrade by eliminating one part-time Veterans' Counselor position.

**LD 1705 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Schedule for Paying Off the Unfunded Liability of the Maine State Retirement System**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BUSTIN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposed a constitutional amendment that would have established a schedule for paying off the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System comparable to the payment schedule being followed prior to July 1, 1993. The resolution also proposed a constitutional amendment that would have required the State to fund the retirement system on an actuarially sound basis.