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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

5581LHS

SUMMARY

This bill would have created a special accidental death benefit for the surviving family members of a law enforcement officer who participated in the Maine State Retirement System and who died as a result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the officer's employment.

LD 1490 **An Act to Prohibit Retirement Contributions by Employees of Agricultural Commodity Groups from Being Applied towards the Unfunded Liability of the Maine State Retirement System** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill was reported by the Commission to Study Potato Quality Issues. The bill would have prohibited retirement contributions by agricultural commodity group employees who are paid entirely from Other Special Revenue funds from being applied towards payment of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System. This provision would have taken effect beginning in fiscal year 1995-96.

LD 1499 **An Act to Extend the Deadline for a Maine State Police Officer to Choose a Certain Retirement Option** PUBLIC 367

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
BAILEY OTP-AM H-443

SUMMARY

This bill extends the deadline by which must exercise their option to retire early with full benefits if they pay the actuarial equivalent of the cost of that early retirement from July 1, 1995 to January 1, 1997.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-443) adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

LD 1518 **An Act to Amend the Maine State Retirement System with Respect to the Consolidated Plan for Participating Local Districts** PUBLIC 274
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
BEGLEY OTP

SUMMARY

This bill makes changes to the provisions of the consolidated plan for participating local districts related to earnable compensation and restoration to service to reflect recommendations of the Participating Local District Advisory Committee.

LD 1520 **An Act to Amend the Earnings Limitations under the Disability Plan** P & S 38
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
JACQUES OTP-AM H-495
HANLEY