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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 2177

An Act to Require the Spouse of a Member of the Maine State Retirement System to Receive the Member's Death Benefits

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
HARRIMAN

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2177 proposes to amend the provisions of the Maine State Retirement System to require that all benefits paid on the death of a participating member are paid to the surviving spouse of that member. The bill also proposes that the spouse of a member may waive this requirement by filing a waiver with the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System and that if the participating member is not married, then the beneficiary designated by that member receives the benefits.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2194

An Act Regarding Doing Business with Burma

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
CATHCART

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2194 proposes to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to maintain a list of companies doing business with Burma, to prohibit investment of state funds in such companies or in the government of Burma, and to limit the award of public contracts to such companies.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2204

An Act to Amend the Calculation of Service Credits Under the Maine State Retirement System Pertaining to the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 Employees

PUBLIC 241

Sponsor(s)
PARADIS
AHEARNE

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-177

LD 2204 proposed to amend the calculation of service credits under the Maine State Retirement System to allow state employees and teachers who are former Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA) employees hired before July 1, 1979 to purchase service credits by paying the full actuarial cost.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-177) proposed a cross-reference clarification and to allow participating local district (PLD) employees who are former CETA employees hired before July 1, 1979 to purchase service credits for their pre-1979 employment in the PLD retirement plan by paying the full actuarial cost. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 241 allows state employees, teachers and participating local district employees who are former CETA employees to purchase creditable service under the Maine State Retirement System for CETA employment before July 1, 1979 by paying the full actuarial cost of that service credit. Prior law limited purchase or service credit for CETA employment to employment occurring after July 1, 1979.

LD 2251

An Act to Provide Health Insurance Benefits to Dwight Parsons

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
FERGUSON
GAGNE

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2251 proposes to provide health insurance benefits under the State Employee Health Insurance Program to Dwight Parsons, a 30-year state employee who did not apply for the State-paid health benefits in time.

This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.