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House of Representatives, March 10, 2015

An Act To Allow a Former Spouse of a Member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Begin Collecting Benefits When the Former Spouse Reaches the Member's Retirement Age

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COREY of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BLUME of York, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GERRISH of Lebanon,
GINZLER of Bridgton, KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17059, sub-§4, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 746, §9 and
3 affected by §10, is amended to read:

4 H. Does not require the payment of benefits to an alternate payee before the
5 retirement of a member other than a member of the State Employee and Teacher
6 Retirement Program under chapter 423 and when the payee reaches the member's
7 normal retirement age, the distribution of a withdrawal of contributions to a member
8 or other distribution to a member required by law.

9 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17059, sub-§5, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 746, §9 and
10 affected by §10, is amended to read:

11 E. The order may not require any action on the part of the retirement system contrary
12 to its governing laws or plan provisions other than the direct payment of the benefit
13 awarded to an alternate payee or the direct payment of the benefit awarded to an
14 alternate payee before the retirement of a member of the State Employee and Teacher
15 Retirement Program under chapter 423 and when the payee reaches the member's
16 normal retirement age.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill amends the requirements related to a qualified domestic relations order to
19 allow the payment of retirement benefits to an alternate payee before the retirement of a
20 member of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program and when the payee
21 reaches the member's normal retirement age.