**An Act To Authorize Lifetime Teaching Certificates**

L.D. 326

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “      ” to H.P. 230, L.D. 326, “An Act To Authorize Lifetime Teaching Certificates”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §13027 in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "20" and inserting the following: '25'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §13027 in subsection 7 in the first line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**annual**" and inserting the following: '**recurring**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §13027 in subsection 7 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "an annual" and inserting the following: 'a recurring'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, amends the bill by changing from 20 years to 25 years the length of time that a teacher must have maintained a professional teacher certificate and taught in the State to be eligible for a lifetime teaching certificate. It also changes the provision that prohibits the Department of Education from assessing an annual fee to maintain the certificate to a prohibition on assessing a recurring fee to maintain the certificate.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**