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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 439, L.D. 1021, “An Act to Remove Certain Cost-of-living Adjustment Restrictions for Retired Members of the Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17806, sub-§1, ¶A-4** is enacted to read:

A-4. Beginning in 2025, whenever there is a percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index from July 1st to June 30th, the board shall automatically make an equal percentage increase in retirement benefits, beginning in September, up to a maximum annual increase of 3% for retirement benefits paid to individuals who are 65 years of age or older and who retired from a position as a law enforcement officer as defined in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5 or from a probation or parole officer position as described in Title 34-A, section 5404.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to pay the unfunded actuarial liability created by requiring that cost-of-living increases be applied to a retiree's full benefit amount once the retiree reaches 65 years of age if that person retired from a law enforcement officer position or a probation or parole officer position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$28,900,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,900,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment clarifies that the limitation on benefits subject to a cost-of-living  
5 adjustment is removed once a retiree reaches 65 years of age. It removes the specific  
6 positions from which a person must have retired and instead requires that the person must  
7 have retired from a law enforcement officer position or a probation or parole officer  
8 position.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**