

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 74 - L.D. 106

**An Act to Allow Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System  
With Service in Multiple Plans to Defer Retirement Service Benefits Until  
Normal Retirement Age to Avoid a Reduction in Benefits**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§17** is enacted to read:

**17. Member eligible to retire from plans with different normal retirement ages.**  
A member who meets eligibility requirements to retire from plans with different normal retirement ages may retire and, at the election of the member, defer initiation of service retirement benefits from any plan in which the benefits would be reduced because the member has not reached normal retirement age. The deferral ends when the member reaches normal retirement age for the plan. The election to defer is irrevocable and must be made before payment of a service retirement benefit begins. Service retirement benefits deferred under this subsection must be paid by the retirement system without an early retirement reduction and without any retroactive payment for the deferral period. If the member dies before the end of the deferral period, the deferral of benefits apply to any continuing beneficiary payments for the same deferral period that would have been applicable to the member.