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An Act Regarding Correctional Officers' Retirement

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17767 is enacted to read:

§ 17767. Service credit for compensable work-related injury

A member who is an employee of the Maine State Prison or the Department of Corrections who is employed in a correctional facility, as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001 or whose duties involve contact with prisoners, probationers, parolees or juvenile offenders or a member employed as the supervisor of such an employee is entitled to receive service credit for the purpose of determining benefits under this Part for the period during which the member was employed but unable to work due to a work-related injury compensable under Title 39-A.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18363 is enacted to read:

§ 18363. Service credit for compensable work-related injury

A member who is an employee of a county, who is employed in a county jail and whose duties involve contact with prisoners or juvenile detainees or any member employed as the supervisor of such an employee is entitled to receive service credit for the purpose of determining benefits under this Part for the period during which the member was employed but unable to work due to a work-related injury compensable under Title 39-A.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that, for purposes of determining retirement benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, state and county corrections employees are entitled to receive service credit for any period during which the employee was employed but unable to work due to a work-related injury compensable under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.