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H.P. 147

House of Representatives, February 5, 2013

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Disability Retirement Determinations by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

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

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Presented by Representative BECK of Waterville. Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and Representatives: SHORT of Pittsfield, TREAT of Hallowell.

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

- **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17106, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 322, §6, is amended to read:
  - A. The retirement system shall consider the applicant's disability application, and medical records and the medical board's analysis in making a disability retirement determination. The retirement system may consider the medical board's analysis in making a disability retirement determination.

8 SUMMARY

Under current law, when making determinations on applications for disability retirement, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System is required to consider the applicant's disability application, medical records and the analysis of a medical board that is designated by, and advisory to, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. This bill provides instead that the retirement system may consider, but is not required to consider, the medical board's analysis.