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Introduced by Sens. JACKSON, MARTINEZ, MARTINS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to providing WTC-related benefits to certain employees who worked at the Verrazano Bridge Toll Facility

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 36 of section 2 of the retire-  
2 ment and social security law, as amended by chapter 424 of the laws of  
3 2021, is amended to read as follows:  
4 (e) "Participated in World Trade Center rescue, recovery or cleanup  
5 operations" shall mean any member who: (i) participated in the rescue,  
6 recovery, or cleanup operations at the World Trade Center site, as  
7 defined in paragraph (f) of this subdivision; (ii) worked at the Fresh  
8 Kills Land Fill in New York; (iii) worked at the New York city morgue or  
9 the temporary morgue on pier locations on the west side of Manhattan;  
10 (iv) manned the barges between the west side of Manhattan and the Fresh  
11 Kills Land Fill in New York; (v) repaired, cleaned or rehabilitated  
12 vehicles or equipment, including emergency vehicle radio equipment owned  
13 by the city of New York that were contaminated by debris in the World  
14 Trade Center site, as defined in paragraph (f) of this subdivision,  
15 regardless of whether the work on the repair, cleaning or rehabilitation  
16 of said vehicles and equipment was performed within the World Trade  
17 Center site, provided such work was performed prior to decontamination  
18 of such vehicles or equipment; [~~e~~] (vi) worked in the following depart-  
19 ments, worksites and titles: (A) New York City Police Department at 11  
20 Metrotec Center in Brooklyn or 1 Police Plaza in Manhattan as a Police  
21 Communication Technician (PCT), Supervisor Police Communication Techni-  
22 cian (SPCT), Principal Police Communication Technician I, Principal  
23 Police Communication Technician II, Principal Police Communication Tech-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 nician III, Administrative Manager - Communications, or in the Police  
2 Administrative Aide title series; (B) Fire Department of the City of New  
3 York at 35 Empire Boulevard in Brooklyn, 79th Street Transverse in  
4 Manhattan, 83-98 Woodhaven Boulevard in Queens, 1129 East 180 Street in  
5 the Bronx, 65 Slosson Avenue in Staten Island, 9 Metrotec Center in  
6 Brooklyn, or 25 Rockaway Avenue in Brooklyn as Fire Alarm Dispatchers  
7 (FAD), Supervising Fire Alarm Dispatchers I (SFAD), Supervising Fire  
8 Alarm Dispatchers II (Borough Supervisor), Deputy Director & Director  
9 Fire Dispatch Operations, or Assistant Commissioner for Communications;  
10 (C) for the Fire Department of the City of New York's Emergency Medical  
11 Service at 1 or 9 Metrotec Centers in Brooklyn, or 55-30 58 Street in  
12 Maspeth Queens as Emergency Medical Specialist-Level I (EMT), Emergency  
13 Medical Specialist Level II-(Paramedic), Supervising Emergency Medical  
14 Specialist Level I (LT), Supervising Emergency Medical Specialist Level  
15 II (Capt), Deputy Chief EMS Communications, or Division Commander EMS  
16 Communications; or (vii) worked at the Verrazano Bridge Toll Facility.  
17 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "member" shall include each  
18 person who during the qualifying period was in the employment of a  
19 public employer which then participated for such employees in a public  
20 retirement system in this state, irrespective of whether the person was  
21 a participant in such system at that time, provided that the person has  
22 become a participant in such retirement system and has purchased service  
23 credit for a period of time that includes some or all of the qualifying  
24 period in accordance with provisions of law applicable to such purchase  
25 of service credit.

26 § 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, none  
27 of the provisions of this act shall be subject to section 25 of the  
28 retirement and social security law.

29 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
30 have been in full force and effect on and after September 11, 2001.