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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to continuation of health insurance benefits for public employees injured or taken ill in performance of duty

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The civil service law is amended by adding a new section 159-d to read as follows:

S 159-D. HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS; PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INJURED OR TAKEN ILL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY SHALL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO SUCH EMPLOYEE, AND IF APPLICABLE, HIS OR HER SPOUSE AND/OR DEPENDENTS, AT THE SAME RATE AND TO THE SAME EXTENT AS ACTIVE EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE SAME COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT OCCUPYING THE SAME CIVIL SERVICE POSITION, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE MEMBER HAS RETURNED TO ACTIVE SERVICE, HAS SEPARATED FROM SERVICE OR RETIRES. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL DIMINISH OR IMPAIR ANY RIGHTS CREATED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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