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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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to providing three-quarters of pension for police officers and firefighters who contract methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus

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

1     Section 1. The retirement and social security law is amended by adding  
2     a new section 363-ddd to read as follows:  
3     S 363-DDD. IMPAIRMENTS OF HEALTH; PRESUMPTION; STAPH/MRSA. NOTWITH-  
4     STANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER OR OF ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL OR  
5     LOCAL LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ANY POLICE OFFICER OR FIREFIGHTER WHO IS  
6     COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THIS  
7     TITLE AND WHO CONTRACTS METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS  
8     (MRSA) OR STAPH/MRSA WILL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE CONTRACTED SUCH DISEASE IN  
9     THE PERFORMANCE OR DISCHARGE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES AS THE NATURAL AND  
10    PROXIMATE RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT AND TO BE DISABLED FROM THE PERFORMANCE  
11    OF HIS OR HER DUTIES UNLESS THE CONTRARY BE PROVEN BY COMPETENT  
12    EVIDENCE.

13    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL NOTE.--Pursuant to Legislative Law, Section 50:

This bill will affect certain members of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System by presuming that contracting MRSA or Staph/MRSA will qualify them for an accidental disability retirement, unless the contrary be proven by competent evidence.

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

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If this bill is enacted, we anticipate that few additional accidental disability retirements will be granted, and thus, the resulting costs will be negligible.

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