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I N S E N A T E

January 29, 2014

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

AN ACT to authorize Jaime Laczko to elect to participate in the optional twenty-five year retirement plan for forest rangers in the service of the department of environmental conservation

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Jaime Laczko, a member of the New York state and local police and fire retirement system, who is employed by the department of environmental conservation as a full-time forest ranger I, who upon commencing such employment became a member of such retirement system subject to the provisions of section 375-h of the retirement and social security law, who was eligible, at such time, to elect to join the New York state and local police and fire retirement system subject to the optional twenty-five year retirement plan for forest rangers in the service of the department of environmental conservation pursuant to section 383-c of the retirement and social security law, and who, for reasons not ascribable to his own negligence, failed to elect to participate in such twenty-five year retirement plan, shall be deemed to have elected to participate in the retirement plan, established by section 383-c of the retirement and social security law, upon commencement of his employment as a forest ranger I, if, within 1 year of the effective date of this act, he shall file an application therefor with the state comptroller, and within 180 days thereafter, he shall pay to the New York state and local police and fire retirement system 50 per centum of the past service costs associated with implementing the provisions of this section, as determined by the state comptroller.

S 2. All past costs associated with implementing the provisions of this act shall be jointly borne by the state of New York and Jaime Laczko.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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

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This bill will deem Jaime Laczko, a Forest Ranger currently covered under an age 55 retirement plan, to have elected to participate in the 25 year retirement plan established by Section 383-c of the Retirement and Social Security Law.

If this bill is enacted, we anticipate that there will be an increase of approximately $4,000 in the annual contributions of the State of New York for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

In addition to the annual contributions discussed above, there will be an immediate past service cost of $72,800 which would be equally shared by Jaime Laczko and the State of New York as one-time payments. Assuming a payment date of March 1, 2015, each party will pay approximately $36,400.

Summary of relevant resources:

The membership data used in measuring the impact of the proposed change was the same as that used in the March 31, 2013 actuarial valuation. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2013 Report of the Actuary and the 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Report to the Comptroller on Actuarial Assumptions, and the Codes Rules and Regulations of the State of New York: Audit and Control.

The Market Assets and GASB Disclosures are found in the March 31, 2013 New York State and Local Retirement System Financial Statements and Supplementary Information.

I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

This estimate, dated January 24, 2014 and intended for use only during the 2014 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2014-58, prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System.