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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Thiele) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT in relation to entitling Robert V. Vassallo, Sr. to reapply for a  
disability retirement from the New York state police

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

1     Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Robert V.  
2     Vassallo, Sr., who was employed as a correction officer with the depart-  
3     ment of correctional services for the state of New York for approximate-  
4     ly one year beginning in 1968, and who was employed as a correction  
5     officer with the department of correction for the city of New York for  
6     approximately one year until September 10, 1970, and who was employed as  
7     a police officer with the New York state parkway police for the period  
8     beginning September 10, 1970 and ending January 1, 1980, and who was  
9     employed as a trooper with the New York state police for the period  
10    beginning January 1, 1980 and ending March 1, 1990, and who was employed  
11    as an investigator in the bureau of criminal investigation with the New  
12    York state police for the period beginning March 1, 1990 and ending  
13    September 13, 1997, and who, on January 14, 1991, was critically injured  
14    in an automobile accident while working undercover in an unmarked police  
15    car, and, as a result of such critical injuries has been unable to  
16    return to work with the New York state police, and who, for reasons not  
17    ascribable to his own negligence, has been denied a disability retire-  
18    ment from the New York state police, and who, as of the effective date  
19    of this act, is on regular service retirement, shall be entitled to  
20    reapply for a disability retirement from the New York state police if on  
21    or before December 31, 2014, he files a written request with the state  
22    comptroller to that effect.

23    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

25    This bill will entitle Robert V. Vassallo, a retired for service New  
26    York State Police Officer, to file an application to receive a disabili-  
27    ty benefit from the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement  
28    System instead of his current service retirement benefit.

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

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1 If this bill is enacted, there will be no increase in the annual bene-  
2 fit. Therefore, there would be no cost to the System.

3 Summary of relevant resources:

4 The membership data used in measuring the impact of the proposed  
5 change was the same as that used in the March 31, 2013 actuarial valu-  
6 ation. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2013  
7 Report of the Actuary and the 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial  
8 Report.

9 The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2010,  
10 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Report to the Comptroller on Actuarial  
11 Assumptions, and the Codes Rules and Regulations of the State of New  
12 York: Audit and Control.

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

16 I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Quali-  
17 fication Standards to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

18 This estimate, dated June 5, 2014 and intended for use only during the  
19 2014 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2014-146, prepared by the  
20 Actuary for the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement  
21 System.