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March 15, 2013

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

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the retirement and social security law, in relation to increasing certain special accidental death benefits

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

Section 1. Subdivision c of section 208-f of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 285 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

c. Commencing July first, two thousand [twelve] THIRTEEN the special accidental death benefit paid to a widow or widower or the deceased member's children under the age of eighteen or, if a student, under the age of twenty-three, if the widow or widower has died, shall be escalated by adding thereto an additional percentage of the salary of the deceased member (as increased pursuant to subdivision b of this section) in accordance with the following schedule:

calendar year of death of the deceased member	per centum
1977 or prior	[181.4%] 189.8%
1978	[173.2%] 181.4%
1979	[165.2%] 173.2%
1980	[157.5%] 165.2%
1981	[150.0%] 157.5%
1982	[142.7%] 150.0%
1983	[135.7%] 142.7%
1984	[128.8%] 135.7%
1985	[122.1%] 128.8%
1986	[115.7%] 122.1%
1987	[109.4%] 115.7%
1988	[103.3%] 109.4%

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

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1989	[97.4%] 103.3%
1990	[91.6%] 97.4%
1991	[86.0%] 91.6%
1992	[80.6%] 86.0%
1993	[75.4%] 80.6%
1994	[70.2%] 75.4%
1995	[65.3%] 70.2%
1996	[60.5%] 65.3%
1997	[55.8%] 60.5%
1998	[51.3%] 55.8%
1999	[46.9%] 51.3%
2000	[42.6%] 46.9%
2001	[38.4%] 42.6%
2002	[34.4%] 38.4%
2003	[30.5%] 34.4%
2004	[26.7%] 30.5%
2005	[23.0%] 26.7%
2006	[19.4%] 23.0%
2007	[15.9%] 19.4%
2008	[12.6%] 15.9%
2009	[9.3%] 12.6%
2010	[6.1%] 9.3%
2011	[3.0%] 6.1%
2012	[0.0%] 3.0%
2013	0.0%

S 2. Subdivision c of section 361-a of the retirement and social security law, as amended by chapter 285 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

c. Commencing July first, two thousand [twelve] THIRTEEN the special accidental death benefit paid to a widow or widower or the deceased member's children under the age of eighteen or, if a student, under the age of twenty-three, if the widow or widower has died, shall be escalated by adding thereto an additional percentage of the salary of the deceased member, as increased pursuant to subdivision b of this section, in accordance with the following schedule:

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1985	[122.1%] 128.8%
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1987	[109.4%] 115.7%
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1992	[80.6%] 86.0%
1993	[75.4%] 80.6%
1994	[70.2%] 75.4%
1995	[65.3%] 70.2%

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1997	[55.8%]	60.5%
1998	[51.3%]	55.8%
1999	[46.9%]	51.3%
2000	[42.6%]	46.9%
2001	[38.4%]	42.6%
2002	[34.4%]	38.4%
2003	[30.5%]	34.4%
2004	[26.7%]	30.5%
2005	[23.0%]	26.7%
2006	[19.4%]	23.0%
2007	[15.9%]	19.4%
2008	[12.6%]	15.9%
2009	[9.3%]	12.6%
2010	[6.1%]	9.3%
2011	[3.0%]	6.1%
2012	[0.0%]	3.0%
2013		0.0%

S 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

FISCAL NOTE.--Insofar as this bill would amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, it is estimated that there would be an additional annual cost of approximately $43,000 above the approximately $9 million current annual cost of this benefit. This cost would be shared by the State of New York and all participating employers of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System.

Summary of relevant resources:

Data: March 31, 2012 Actuarial Year End File with distributions of membership and other statistics displayed in the 2012 Report of the Actuary and 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Assumptions and Methods: 2010, 2011 and 2012 Annual Report to the Comptroller on Actuarial Assumptions, Codes Rules and Regulations of the State of New York: Audit and Control.

Market Assets and GASB Disclosures: March 31, 2012 New York State and Local Retirement System Financial Statements and Supplementary Information.

Variations of Benefit Liabilities and Actuarial Assets: summarized in the 2012 Actuarial Valuations report.

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

This estimate, dated January 7, 2013 and intended for use only during the 2013 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2013-37, prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System.