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AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to defining the terms "retiree" and "beneficiary" within the freedom of information law

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

1     Section 1. Section 86 of the public officers law is amended by adding  
2     two new subdivisions 6 and 7 to read as follows:  
3     6. "RETIREE" MEANS A FORMER OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF AN AGENCY, THE  
4     STATE LEGISLATURE, OR THE JUDICIARY WHO WAS A MEMBER OF A PUBLIC RETIRE-  
5     MENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWEN-  
6     TY-THREE OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED ONE OF THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECU-  
7     RITY LAW AND IS RECEIVING, OR ENTITLED TO RECEIVE, A BENEFIT FROM SUCH  
8     PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM.  
9     7. "BENEFICIARY" MEANS A PERSON DESIGNATED BY A MEMBER OR RETIREE OF A  
10    PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT OR DEATH  
11    BENEFITS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THE MEMBER OR RETIREE.  
12    S 2. Subdivision 7 of section 89 of the public officers law, as added  
13    by chapter 783 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:  
14    7. Nothing in this article shall require the disclosure of the home  
15    address of an officer or employee, former officer or employee, or of a  
16    retiree of a public [employees'] retirement system OF THE STATE, AS SUCH  
17    TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-THREE OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED ONE  
18    OF THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW; nor shall anything in this  
19    article require the disclosure of the name or home address of a benefi-  
20    ciary of a public [employees'] retirement system OF THE STATE, AS SUCH  
21    TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-THREE OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED ONE  
22    OF THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, or of an applicant for  
23    appointment to public employment; provided however, that nothing in this  
24    subdivision shall limit or abridge the right of an employee organiza-  
25    tion, certified or recognized for any collective negotiating unit of an  
26    employer pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law, to

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

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1 obtain the name or home address of any officer, employee or retiree of  
2 such employer, if such name or home address is otherwise available under  
3 this article.  
4 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.