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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 23, 2017

Introduced by Sens. FUNKE, AKSHAR, GALLIVAN, HAMILTON, HELMING, JACOBS, MARCHIONE -- 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 certain disabilities of university police officers appointed by the state university of New York

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 363-a of the retirement and social security law, as amended by chapter 437 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3. As used in this section, the terms "firefighter" and "police officer" mean any member who is performing police or fire service, as the phrase police or fire service is defined in paragraphs a, b, c, d, f (as added by chapter six hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen eighty-six), f (as added by chapter six hundred seventy-seven of the laws of nineteen eighty-six), g, h*, i* and j of subdivision eleven of section three hundred two of this article, and who, prior to entry into service as a firefighter or police officer, successfully passed a physical examination which failed to disclose evidence of any disease or other impairment of the heart.

§ 2. The amendments to section 363-a of the retirement and social security law made by section one of this act shall not affect, impair, or invalidate any temporary right, privilege, or benefit conferred pursuant to the provisions of a general, special or local law (other than pursuant to articles 14 and 15 of the retirement and social security law) for any member of a public retirement system or pension plan funded by the state or one of its political subdivisions, nor shall any

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

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amendments thereto affect the application of such provisions as extended by the provisions of section 480 of the retirement and social security law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

This bill is a technical correction to Chapter 561 of the Laws of 2015. It would add a "heart bill" performance of duty disability provision for police officers of the State University of New York who are members of the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System.

If this bill is enacted, it could lead to more disabilities being classified as "performance of duty". We anticipate that few performance of duty disability retirements will be granted, and thus, the resulting costs will be negligible.

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, 2017 actuarial valuation. Distributions and other statistics can be found in the 2017 Report of the Actuary and the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used are described in the 2015, 2016, and 2017 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, 2017 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 18, 2018, and intended for use only during the 2018 Legislative Session, is Fiscal Note No. 2018-42, prepared by the Actuary for the New York State and Local Retirement System.