STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 14, 2019

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions -- 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 deductions for retiree organization dues

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

Section 1. Section 110-c of the retirement and social security law, as amended by chapter 165 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 110-c. Deductions from benefits of certain retired members. 1. 5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a retired member shall have б the right, at any time after the retiree's retirement, to execute and 7 file a deduction authorization card with the comptroller authorizing the 8 deduction from the retired member's retirement allowance of membership dues and such retired member's share of the cost for employee organiza-9 10 tion-sponsored benefit plans and the payment thereof to a retiree organ-11 ization of which the retired member is then a member and which is then 12 affiliated with either an employee organization certified or recognized 13 as the collective bargaining representative of all employees in the 14 negotiating unit of which the retired member was a part prior to his or 15 her retirement or with an employee organization with which such employee organization is then affiliated. The comptroller shall thereafter deduct 16 from the retirement allowance of such retired member the amount of 17 18 membership dues and such amounts required to be paid by such retired 19 member for such authorized employee organization-sponsored benefit 20 plans, and shall transmit the sum so deducted to said retiree organiza-21 tion. Such authorization shall continue in effect until revoked in writ-22 ing by such retired member. For purposes of this section the term 23 "employee organization-sponsored benefit plans" shall include any and

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

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1 all insurance plans and/or other benefit plans sponsored by such retiree 2 organization whether provided by (a) a not-for-profit corporation 3 licensed under article forty-three of the insurance law; (b) any insur-4 ance company authorized to do business in this state; (c) a health main-5 tenance organization issued a certificate of authority pursuant to arti-6 cle forty-four of the public health law; or (d) a self-insurance 7 arrangement, welfare fund or benefit fund.

8 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a retired member shall 9 have the right, at any time after the retiree's retirement, to execute and file a deduction authorization card with the comptroller authorizing 10 the deduction from the retired member's retirement allowance of member-11 ship dues in the Retired Public Employees Association, Inc. The comp-12 troller shall thereafter deduct from the retirement allowance of such 13 14 retired member the amount of membership dues and shall transmit the sum so deducted to the Retired Public Employees Association, Inc. Such 15 16 authorization shall continue in effect until revoked in writing by such 17 retired member.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.