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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

February 18, 2021

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

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:

3 § 110-c. Deductions from benefits of certain retired members. 5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a retired member shall have the right, at any time after the retiree's retirement, to execute and file a deduction authorization card with the comptroller authorizing the deduction from the retired member's retirement allowance of membership dues and such retired member's share of the cost for employee organiza-10 tion-sponsored benefit plans and the payment thereof to a retiree organization 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 16 organization is then affiliated. The comptroller shall thereafter deduct from the retirement allowance of such retired member the amount of 17 membership dues and such amounts required to be paid by such retired 18 member for such authorized employee organization-sponsored benefit 19 20 plans, and shall transmit the sum so deducted to said retiree organization. Such authorization shall continue in effect until revoked in writ-22 ing by such retired member. For purposes of this section the term "employee organization-sponsored benefit plans" shall include any and 23 24 all insurance plans and/or other benefit plans sponsored by such retiree 25 organization whether provided by (a) a not-for-profit corporation

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licensed under article forty-three of the insurance law; (b) any insurance company authorized to do business in this state; (c) a health maintenance organization issued a certificate of authority pursuant to article forty-four of the public health law; or (d) a self-insurance arrangement, welfare fund or benefit fund.

- 6 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a retired member shall have the right, at any time after the retiree's retirement, to execute 7 and file a deduction authorization card with the comptroller authorizing 9 the deduction from the retired member's retirement allowance of membership dues in the Retired Public Employees Association, Inc. The comp-10 troller shall thereafter deduct from the retirement allowance of such 11 retired member the amount of membership dues and shall transmit the sum 12 so deducted to the Retired Public Employees Association, Inc. 13 authorization shall continue in effect until revoked in writing by such 14 15 retired member.
- 16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.