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Introduced by Sens. AKSHAR, BORRELLO, BOYLE, GALLIVAN, GRIFFO, HELMING, JORDAN, LANZA, O'MARA, ORTT, RITCHIE, SERINO, TEDISCO -- 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 establishing a dangerous employment benefit for law enforcement officers

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

Section 1. The retirement and social security law is amended by adding a new section 65 to read as follows:

§ 65. Dangerous employment benefit; law enforcement officers. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, every law enforcement officer employed within the state shall receive a five hundred thousand dollar dangerous employment benefit if he or she becomes seriously physically or mentally incapacitated or dies as the result of an injury, sustained in the performance or discharge of duties or as the natural and proximate result of an incident that occurred during such performance of duties.

b. Law enforcement officer shall mean:

1. A sworn member of the division of state police;

2. Sheriffs, under-sheriffs, deputy sheriffs or corrections officers of counties outside of the city of New York;

3. A sworn officer of an authorized county or county parkway police department;

4. A sworn officer of an authorized police department or force of a city, town, village or police district;

5. A sworn officer of an authorized police department of an authority or a sworn officer of the state regional park police in the office of parks and recreation;

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

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1 6. A sworn officer of the capital police force of the office of gener-  
2 al services;

3 7. An investigator employed in the office of a district attorney;

4 8. An investigator employed by a commission created by an interstate  
5 compact who is, to a substantial extent, engaged in the enforcement of  
6 the criminal laws of this state;

7 9. The chief and deputy fire marshals, the supervising fire marshals  
8 and the fire marshals of the bureau of fire investigation of the New  
9 York city fire department;

10 10. A sworn officer of the division of law enforcement in the depart-  
11 ment of environmental conservation;

12 11. A sworn officer of a police force of a public authority created by  
13 an interstate compact;

14 12. Long Island railroad police;

15 13. A special investigator employed in the statewide organized crime  
16 task force, while performing his or her assigned duties pursuant to  
17 section seventy-a of the executive law;

18 14. A sworn officer of the Westchester county department of public  
19 safety services who, on or prior to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
20 seventy-nine was appointed as a sworn officer of the division of West-  
21 chester county parkway police or who was appointed on or after July  
22 first, nineteen hundred seventy-nine to the title of police officer,  
23 sergeant, lieutenant, captain or inspector or who, on or prior to Janu-  
24 ary thirty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, was appointed as a  
25 Westchester county deputy sheriff;

26 15. A sworn officer of the water-supply police employed by the city of  
27 New York, appointed to protect the sources, works, and transmission of  
28 water supplied to the city of New York, and to protect persons on or in  
29 the vicinity of such water sources, works, and transmission;

30 16. Persons appointed as railroad police officers pursuant to section  
31 eighty-eight of the railroad law;

32 17. An employee of the department of taxation and finance (i) assigned  
33 to enforcement of the taxes imposed under or pursuant to the authority  
34 of article twelve-A of the tax law and administered by the commissioner  
35 of taxation and finance, taxes imposed under or pursuant to the authori-  
36 ty of article eighteen of the tax law and administered by the commis-  
37 sioner, taxes imposed under article twenty of the tax law, or sales or  
38 compensating use taxes relating to petroleum products or cigarettes  
39 imposed under article twenty-eight or pursuant to the authority of arti-  
40 cle twenty-nine of the tax law and administered by the commissioner or  
41 (ii) designated as a revenue crimes specialist and assigned to the  
42 enforcement of the taxes described in paragraph (c) of subdivision four  
43 of section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law, for the purpose of apply-  
44 ing for and executing search warrants under article six hundred ninety  
45 of the criminal procedure law, for the purpose of acting as a claiming  
46 agent under article thirteen-A of the civil practice law and rules in  
47 connection with the enforcement of the taxes referred to above and for  
48 the purpose of executing warrants of arrest relating to the respective  
49 crimes specified in subdivision four of section 2.10 of the criminal  
50 procedure law;

51 18. Any employee of the Suffolk county department of parks who is  
52 appointed as a Suffolk county park police officer;

53 19. A university police officer appointed by the state university  
54 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision two of section three hundred  
55 fifty-five of the education law;

1     20. A sworn officer of the department of public safety of the Buffalo  
2     municipal housing authority who has achieved or been granted the status  
3     of sworn police officer and has been certified by the division of crimi-  
4     nal justice services as successfully completing an approved basic course  
5     for police officers;

6     21. Persons appointed as Indian police officers pursuant to section  
7     one hundred fourteen of the Indian law;

8     22. Supervisor of forest ranger services; assistant supervisor of  
9     forest ranger services; forest ranger 3; forest ranger 2; forest ranger  
10    1 employed by the state department of environmental conservation or  
11    sworn officer of the division of forest protection and fire management  
12    in the department of environmental conservation responsible for wild  
13    land search and rescue, wild land fire management in the state as  
14    prescribed in subdivision eighteen of section 9-0105 and title eleven of  
15    article nine of the environmental conservation law, exercising care,  
16    custody and control of state lands administered by the department of  
17    environmental conservation.

18    23. Uniformed personnel in institutions under the jurisdiction of the  
19    department of corrections and community supervision.

20    c. The dangerous employment benefit shall not be diminished by any  
21    other benefit such individual or his or her beneficiary would be enti-  
22    tled to receive.

23    § 2. Section 50 of the legislative law shall not apply to the  
24    provisions of this act.

25    § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.