# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 permitting surviving spouses of certain members to retain accidental death benefits upon remarriage

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

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 607 of the retirement and social security law, as amended by chapter 105 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

b. If an eligible beneficiary receiving the accidental death benefit hereunder becomes ineligible to continue to receive such benefit, the benefit shall be continued for all other members of the eligible class of beneficiaries and, if none, to each successive class, if any, during their eligibility therefor. **Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including but not limited to section six hundred one of this article, a surviving spouse remains an eligible beneficiary for the accidental death benefit hereunder upon remarriage.**

§ 2. Section 607 of the retirement and social security law is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

**d. Any surviving spouse whose receipt of the accidental death benefit hereunder has ceased as a result of the remarriage of such surviving spouse shall be deemed eligible for such benefit and shall have such benefit reinstated retroactive to the date of such remarriage.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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