

# 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:

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

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

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

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

18 § 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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