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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT relating to disability retirement benefits for deputy sheriff Richard Stueber, a participant in World Trade Center rescue, recovery, and cleanup operations

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provision of any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, Richard Stueber, a deputy sheriff employed by Suffolk County who retired from such service on March 1, 2019, and who participated in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery and cleanup operations as a member of the New York City police department, and is now deceased succumbing to mental illness associated with his participation in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery and cleanup operations, and Stacie Stueber on behalf of her deceased husband shall be entitled to a 75% accidental disability retirement benefit pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision d of section 605 of the retirement and social security law based upon the determination by the New York state and local employees' retirement system on March 12, 2020 that Richard Stueber was permanently incapacitated for the performance of his duties as a result of his participation in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations. Such benefit shall be payable from the date of his retirement.

§ 2. All costs associated with implementing this act shall be borne by the county of Suffolk.

§ 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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