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Introduced by M. of A. REYES, BUTTENSCHON, HUNTER, CRUZ, SIMON, MORINELLO, GLICK, GIGLIO, LAVINE, HEVESI, ALVAREZ, ROSENTHAL, RAGA, ZINERMAN, LEVENBERG -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, the education law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to permitting a retired member to change their option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense

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

Section 1. Section 90 of the retirement and social security law is amended by adding a new subdivision f to read as follows:

f. Beneficiary convicted of a family offense. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a retired member subject to the provisions of this article shall be permitted to change such member's option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense as defined in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act or section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and the retired member is a complainant.

2. A retired member shall have one hundred eighty days from the date of the beneficiary's conviction to change such member's election or designate a new beneficiary by submitting a request in writing to the retirement system. Once the retirement system receives such written request the member's beneficiary shall be changed or a new benefit shall be calculated by the retirement system pursuant to this article.

3. The comptroller in consultation with the division of criminal justice services and the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence shall ensure that retired members are provided notice of the provisions of this subdivision.

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

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4. The comptroller is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this subdivision.

§ 2. Section 390 of the retirement and social security law is amended by adding a new subdivision f to read as follows:

f. Beneficiary convicted of a family offense. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a retired member subject to the provisions of this article shall be permitted to change such member's option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense as defined in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act or section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and the retired member is a complainant.

2. A retired member shall have one hundred eighty days from the date of the beneficiary's conviction to change such member's election or designate a new beneficiary by submitting a request in writing to the retirement system. Once the retirement system receives such written request the member's beneficiary shall be changed or a new benefit shall be calculated by the retirement system pursuant to this article.

3. The comptroller in consultation with the division of criminal justice services and the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence shall ensure that retired members are provided notice of the provisions of this subdivision.

4. The comptroller is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this subdivision.

§ 3. Section 513 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. Beneficiary convicted of a family offense. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a retired member subject to the provisions of this article shall be permitted to change such member's option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense as defined in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act or section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and the retired member is a complainant.

b. A retired member shall have one hundred eighty days from the date of the beneficiary's conviction to change such member's election or designate a new beneficiary by submitting a request in writing to the retirement system. Once the retirement system receives such written request the member's beneficiary shall be changed or a new benefit shall be calculated by the retirement system pursuant to this article.

c. The comptroller in consultation with the division of criminal justice services and the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence shall ensure that retired members are provided notice of the provisions of this subdivision.

d. The comptroller is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this subdivision.

§ 4. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 13-177.2 to read as follows:

§ 13-177.2 Beneficiary convicted of a family offense. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a retired member subject to the provisions of this title shall be permitted to change such member's option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense as defined in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act or section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and the retired member is a complainant.

b. A retired member shall have one hundred eighty days from the date of the beneficiary's conviction to change such member's election or designate a new beneficiary by submitting a request in writing to the

retirement system. Once the retirement system receives such written request the member's beneficiary shall be changed or a new benefit shall be calculated pursuant to this title.

c. The comptroller in consultation with the office of criminal justice and the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence shall ensure that retired members are provided notice of the provisions of this section.

d. The comptroller is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 5. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 13-261.4 to read as follows:

§ 13-261.4 Beneficiary convicted of a family offense. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a retired member subject to the provisions of this title shall be permitted to change such member's option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense as defined in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act or section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and the retired member is a complainant.

b. A retired member shall have one hundred eighty days from the date of the beneficiary's conviction to change such member's election or designate a new beneficiary by submitting a request in writing to the retirement system. Once the retirement system receives such written request the member's beneficiary shall be changed or a new benefit shall be calculated by the retirement system pursuant to this title.

c. The comptroller in consultation with the office of criminal justice and the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence shall ensure that retired members are provided notice of the provisions of this section.

d. The comptroller is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 6. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 13-369.2 to read as follows:

§ 13-369.2 Beneficiary convicted of a family offense. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a retired member subject to the provisions of this title shall be permitted to change such member's option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense as defined in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act or section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and the retired member is a complainant.

b. A retired member shall have one hundred eighty days from the date of the beneficiary's conviction to change such member's election or designate a new beneficiary by submitting a request in writing to the retirement system. Once the retirement system receives such written request the member's beneficiary shall be changed or a new benefit shall be calculated by the retirement system pursuant to this title.

c. The comptroller in consultation with the office of criminal justice and the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence shall ensure that retired members are provided notice of the provisions of this section.

d. The comptroller is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 7. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 13-559.2 to read as follows:

§ 13-559.2 Beneficiary convicted of a family offense. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a retired member subject to the provisions of this title shall be permitted to change such

member's option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense as defined in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act or section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and the retired member is a complainant.

b. A retired member shall have one hundred eighty days from the date of the beneficiary's conviction to change such member's election or designate a new beneficiary by submitting a request in writing to the retirement system. Once the retirement system receives such written request the member's beneficiary shall be changed or a new benefit shall be calculated by the retirement system pursuant to this title.

c. The comptroller in consultation with the office of criminal justice and the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence shall ensure that retired members are provided notice of the provisions of this section.

d. The comptroller is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 8. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.