STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 12, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to ensuring identical health benefits for skilled nursing care for public retirees

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

Section 1. Section 161 of the civil service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. There shall be no reduction of benefits for skilled nursing care provided to retired employees or covered dependents under such health benefit plan at the time such person becomes eligible for medicare coverage; provided, however, retiree benefits under such health benefit plan may be coordinated with and treated as secondary insurance to medicare.

§ 2. 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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