

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 8

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

MUNICIPAL POL EMPS RET. Provides for the classification of membership. (6/30/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2241.3(A) and to enact R.S. 11:2220(C)(4) relative to the
3 Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to provide for membership
4 classification; to provide relative to refund of contributions; to provide for an
5 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 11:2241.3(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 11:2220(C)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2220. Benefits; contribution limit

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12 C. Refund of contributions, application and payment.

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14 **(4)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, except**
15 **Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, any member whose first employment**
16 **making him eligible for membership in this system occurred prior to January**
17 **1, 2013, who receives a refund of all contributions as provided for in this**

System (MPERS) who ceases to be an employee except by death or retirement may apply for and obtain a refund of his accumulated contributions.

Proposed law provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary except for certain provisions of proposed law, any member whose first employment making him eligible for membership in MPERS occurred prior to January 1, 2013, who receives a refund of all contributions as provided for by present law and who returns to employment making him eligible for membership in MPERS shall enter the system as a new member without regard to the dates of prior membership.

Present law allows a member who has received a refund of his contributions pursuant to present law to repay the refund with interest and obtain credit for his previous service in the system, provided he has been employed in an MPERS-covered position for 18 months.

Proposed law provides that an MPERS member who received a refund of his contributions before June 30, 2018, who returns to employment making him eligible for MPERS membership may reestablish membership in the system under the plan provisions that applied to the member on the date he received his refund by repaying the refund with interest calculated as provided in present law within one year of returning to MPERS-covered employment.

Present law provides that eligibility for membership in MPERS Hazardous Duty Subplan is limited to employees who, notwithstanding any temporal restrictions relative to qualifying for such pay, would be eligible to receive state supplemental pay by virtue of the employment.

Proposed law adds eligibility for the subplan notwithstanding any Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) council-certified training program requirements to the definition.

Effective June 30, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 11:2241.3(A); adds R.S. 11:2220(C)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Retirement to the original bill

1. Allow an MPERS member who received a refund of his contributions before the effective date of proposed law who returns to employment making him eligible for MPERS membership to reestablish membership in the system under the plan provisions that applied to the member on the date he received his refund by repaying the refund with interest as provided in present law within one year of returning to MPERS-covered employment.