ACT 398 (SB 8)   **2018 Regular Session**   **Peacock**

Prior law provided that any member of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) who ceases to be an employee except by death or retirement may apply for and obtain a refund of his accumulated contributions.

New law provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary except for certain provisions of new 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 prior 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.

Prior law allowed a member who has received a refund of his contributions pursuant to prior 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.

New 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 prior law within one year of returning to MPERS-covered employment.

Prior law provided 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.

New 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))