

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for disability retirement benefits for certain members of the La. State Employees Retirement System (LASERS) who are employed in hazardous duty positions and who become totally and permanently disabled from an injury received in the line of duty. For members of the Hazardous Duty Services Plan within LASERS, which generally includes all members employed in hazardous duty positions and first employed in a state position on or after Jan. 1, 2011, existing law provides for a disability benefit of 75% of average compensation (FAC) for those sustaining such an injury. Existing law also specifies disability benefits for certain Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections employees, wildlife agents, and Harbor Police Retirement Plan members who are not in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan.

New law, applicable to the same groups of LASERS members to which existing law is applicable, provides a disability benefit of 100% of FAC for a member who becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries sustained while engaged in the discharge of his duties and as a result of an intentional act of violence.

New law authorizes a retiree receiving disability benefits on the effective date of new law to apply for and receive benefits as provided by new law if his injury was a result of an intentional act of violence.

Prior law provided that existing law providing for disability benefits for certain employees of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections was subject to the appropriation of funds. New law removes this condition.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 31, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 11:212(B)(1), 461(B)(2), 603(A) and (B)(intro. para.), and 617(A); Adds R.S. 11:583(B)(3) and 3686(B)(1)(d))