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SYNOPSIS

Expands definition of child under PFRS and SPRS.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee with technical review.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the definition of child under the Police and
2 Firemen's Retirement System and the State Police Retirement
3 System, and amending P.L.1944, c.255 and P.L.1965, c.89.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-1) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 1. As used in this act:

11 (1) "Retirement system" or "system" shall mean the Police and
12 Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey as defined in section 2
13 of this act.

14 (2) (a) "Policeman" shall mean a permanent, full-time employee
15 of a law enforcement unit as defined in section 2 of P.L.1961, c.56
16 (C.52:17B-67) or the State, other than an officer or trooper of the
17 Division of State Police whose position is covered by the State
18 Police Retirement System, whose primary duties include the
19 investigation, apprehension or detention of persons suspected or
20 convicted of violating the criminal laws of the State and who:

21 (i) is authorized to carry a firearm while engaged in the actual
22 performance of his official duties;

23 (ii) has police powers;

24 (iii) is required to complete successfully the training
25 requirements prescribed by P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.) or
26 comparable training requirements as determined by the board of
27 trustees; and

28 (iv) is subject to the physical and mental fitness requirements
29 applicable to the position of municipal police officer established by
30 an agency authorized to establish these requirements on a Statewide
31 basis, or comparable physical and mental fitness requirements as
32 determined by the board of trustees.

33 The term shall also include an administrative or supervisory
34 employee of a law enforcement unit or the State whose duties
35 include general or direct supervision of employees engaged in
36 investigation, apprehension or detention activities or training
37 responsibility for these employees and a requirement for
38 engagement in investigation, apprehension or detention activities if
39 necessary, and who is authorized to carry a firearm while in the
40 actual performance of his official duties and has police powers.

41 (b) "Fireman" shall mean a permanent, full-time employee of a
42 firefighting unit whose primary duties include the control and
43 extinguishment of fires and who is subject to the training and
44 physical and mental fitness requirements applicable to the position
45 of municipal firefighter established by an agency authorized to

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

 Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 establish these requirements on a Statewide basis, or comparable
2 training and physical and mental fitness requirements as determined
3 by the board of trustees. The term shall also include an
4 administrative or supervisory employee of a firefighting unit whose
5 duties include general or direct supervision of employees engaged
6 in fire control and extinguishment activities or training
7 responsibility for these employees and a requirement for
8 engagement in fire control and extinguishment activities if
9 necessary. As used in this paragraph, "firefighting unit" shall mean
10 a municipal fire department, a fire district, or an agency of a county
11 or the State which is responsible for control and extinguishment of
12 fires.

13 (3) "Member" shall mean any policeman or fireman included in
14 the membership of the retirement system pursuant to this
15 amendatory and supplementary act, P.L.1989, c.204 (C.43:16A-15.6
16 et al.).

17 (4) "Board of trustees" or "board" shall mean the board provided
18 for in section 13 of this act.

19 (5) "Medical board" shall mean the board of physicians
20 provided for in section 13 of this act.

21 (6) "Employer" shall mean the State of New Jersey, the county,
22 municipality or political subdivision thereof which pays the
23 particular policeman or fireman.

24 (7) "Service" shall mean service as a policeman or fireman paid
25 for by an employer.

26 (8) "Creditable service" shall mean service rendered for which
27 credit is allowed as provided under section 4 of this act.

28 (9) "Regular interest" shall mean interest as determined by the
29 State Treasurer, after consultation with the actuary. It shall bear a
30 reasonable relationship to the percentage rate of earnings on
31 investments based on the market value of assets but shall not exceed
32 the assumed percentage rate of increase applied to salaries plus 3%,
33 provided however that the board of trustees shall not set the average
34 percentage rate of increase applied to salaries below 6%. This rate
35 shall be distinct from any internally targeted rates used for
36 developing investment policy by the board of trustees pursuant to
37 section 13 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-13).

38 (10) "Aggregate contributions" shall mean the sum of all the
39 amounts, deducted from the compensation of a member or
40 contributed by him or on his behalf, standing to the credit of his
41 individual account in the annuity savings fund.

42 (11) "Annuity" shall mean payments for life derived from the
43 aggregate contributions of a member.

44 (12) "Pension" shall mean payments for life derived from
45 contributions by the employer.

46 (13) "Retirement allowance" shall mean the pension plus the
47 annuity.

1 (14) "Earnable compensation" shall mean the full rate of the
2 salary that would be payable to an employee if he worked the full
3 normal working time for his position. In cases where salary
4 includes maintenance, the retirement system shall fix the value of
5 that part of the salary not paid in money which shall be considered
6 under this act.

7 (15) "Average final compensation" shall mean final
8 compensation.

9 (16) "Retirement" shall mean the termination of the member's
10 active service with a retirement allowance granted and paid under
11 the provisions of this act.

12 (17) "Annuity reserve" shall mean the present value of all
13 payments to be made on account of any annuity or benefit in lieu of
14 any annuity computed upon the basis of such mortality tables
15 recommended by the actuary as shall be adopted by the board of
16 trustees, and regular interest.

17 (18) "Pension reserve" shall mean the present value of all
18 payments to be made on account of any pension or benefit in lieu of
19 any pension computed upon the basis of such mortality tables
20 recommended by the actuary as shall be adopted by the board of
21 trustees, and regular interest.

22 (19) "Actuarial equivalent" shall mean a benefit of equal value
23 when computed upon the basis of such mortality tables
24 recommended by the actuary as shall be adopted by the board of
25 trustees, and regular interest.

26 (20) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person receiving a retirement
27 allowance or other benefit as provided by this act.

28 (21) "Child" shall mean a deceased member's or retirant's
29 unmarried child (a) under the age of 18, or (b) 18 years of age or
30 older and enrolled in a secondary school, or (c) under the age of 24
31 and enrolled in a degree program in an institution of higher
32 education for at least 12 credit hours in each semester, [provided
33 that the member died in active service as a result of an accident met
34 in the actual performance of duty at some definite time and place,
35 and the death was not the result of the member's willful
36 misconduct,] or (d) of any age who, at the time of the member's or
37 retirant's death, is disabled because of an intellectual disability or
38 physical incapacity, is unable to do any substantial, gainful work
39 because of the impairment and [his] the impairment has lasted or
40 can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12
41 months, as affirmed by the medical board.

42 (22) "Parent" shall mean the parent of a member who was
43 receiving at least one-half of his support from the member in the
44 12-month period immediately preceding the member's death or the
45 accident which was the direct cause of the member's death. The
46 dependency of such a parent will be considered terminated by
47 marriage of the parent subsequent to the death of the member.

1 (23) (a) "Widower," for employees of the State, means the man
2 to whom a member or retirant was married, or a domestic partner as
3 defined in section 3 of P.L.2003, c.246 (C.26:8A-3), on the date of
4 her death and who has not since remarried or established a domestic
5 partnership. In the event of the payment of accidental death
6 benefits, pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-10),
7 the restriction concerning remarriage or establishment of a domestic
8 partnership shall be waived.

9 (b) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of this subsection,
10 "widower," for employees of public employers other than the State,
11 means the man to whom a member or retirant was married on the
12 date of her death and who has not remarried.

13 (c) A public employer other than the State may adopt a
14 resolution providing that the term "widower" as defined in
15 paragraph (b) of this subsection shall include domestic partners as
16 provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

17 (24) (a) "Widow," for employees of the State, means the woman
18 to whom a member or retirant was married, or a domestic partner as
19 defined in section 3 of P.L.2003, c.246 (C.26:8A-3), on the date of
20 his death and who has not since remarried or established a domestic
21 partnership. In the event of the payment of accidental death
22 benefits, pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-10),
23 the restriction concerning remarriage or establishment of a domestic
24 partnership shall be waived.

25 (b) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of this subsection,
26 "widow," for employees of public employers other than the State,
27 means the woman to whom a member or retirant was married on the
28 date of his death and who has not remarried.

29 (c) A public employer other than the State may adopt a
30 resolution providing that the term "widow" as defined in paragraph
31 (b) of this subsection shall include domestic partners as provided in
32 paragraph (a) of this subsection.

33 (25) "Fiscal year" shall mean any year commencing with July 1,
34 and ending with June 30, next following.

35 (26) (a) "Compensation" shall mean the base salary, for services
36 as a member as defined in this act, which is in accordance with
37 established salary policies of the member's employer for all
38 employees in the same position but shall not include individual
39 salary adjustments which are granted primarily in anticipation of
40 the member's retirement or additional remuneration for performing
41 temporary duties beyond the regular workday.

42 (b) In the case of a person who becomes a member of the
43 retirement system on or after the effective date of P.L.2010, c.1,
44 "compensation" means the amount of base salary equivalent to the
45 annual maximum wage contribution base for Social Security,
46 pursuant to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, for services as
47 a member as defined in this act, which is in accordance with
48 established salary policies of the member's employer for all

1 employees in the same position but shall not include individual
2 salary adjustments which are granted primarily in anticipation of
3 the member's retirement or additional remuneration for performing
4 temporary duties beyond the regular workday.

5 (27) "Department" shall mean any police or fire department of a
6 municipality or a fire department of a fire district located in a
7 township or a county police or park police department or the
8 appropriate department of the State or instrumentality thereof.

9 (28) (a) "Final compensation" means the compensation received
10 by the member in the last 12 months of creditable service preceding
11 his retirement or death.

12 (b) In the case of a person who becomes a member of the
13 retirement system on or after the effective date of P.L.2010, c.1,
14 "final compensation" means the average annual compensation for
15 service for which contributions are made during any three fiscal
16 years of membership providing the largest possible benefit to the
17 member or the member's beneficiary.

18 (29) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1992, c.78).

19 (30) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1992, c.78).

20 (31) (a) "Spouse," for employees of the State, means the husband
21 or wife, or domestic partner as defined in section 3 of P.L.2003,
22 c.246 (C.26:8A-3), of a member.

23 (b) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of this subsection,
24 "spouse," for employees of public employers other than the State,
25 means the husband or wife of a member.

26 (c) A public employer other than the State may adopt a
27 resolution providing that the term "spouse" as defined in paragraph
28 (b) of this subsection shall include domestic partners as provided in
29 paragraph (a) of this subsection.

30 (cf: P.L.2018, c.55, s.7)

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32 2. Section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3) is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 3. As used in this act:

35 a. "Aggregate contributions" means the sum of all the amounts,
36 deducted from the salary of a member or contributed by him or on
37 his behalf, standing to the credit of his individual account in the
38 Annuity Savings Fund. Interest credited on contributions to the
39 former "State Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund" shall be
40 included in a member's aggregate contributions.

41 b. "Annuity" means payments for life derived from the
42 aggregate contributions of a member.

43 c. "Annuity reserve" means the present value of all payments
44 to be made on account of any annuity or benefit in lieu of an
45 annuity, computed upon the basis of such mortality tables
46 recommended by the actuary as the board of trustees adopts and
47 regular interest.

- 1 d. "Beneficiary" means any person entitled to receive any
2 benefit pursuant to the provisions of this act by reason of the death
3 of a member or retirant.
- 4 e. "Board of trustees" or "board" means the board provided for
5 in section 30 of this act.
- 6 f. "Child" means a deceased member's or retirant's unmarried
7 child either (a) under the age of 18, or (b) 18 years of age or older
8 and enrolled in a secondary school, or (c) under the age of 24 and
9 enrolled in a degree program in an institution of higher education
10 for at least 12 credit hours in each semester, [provided that the
11 member died in active service as a result of an accident met in the
12 actual performance of duty at some definite time and place, and the
13 death was not the result of the member's willful misconduct,] or (d)
14 of any age who, at the time of the member's or retirant's death, is
15 disabled because of an intellectual disability or physical incapacity,
16 is unable to do any substantial, gainful work because of the
17 impairment and [his] the impairment has lasted or can be expected
18 to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, as
19 affirmed by the medical board.
- 20 g. "Creditable service" means service rendered for which credit
21 is allowed on the basis of contributions made by the member or the
22 State.
- 23 h. "Parent" means the parent of a member who was receiving at
24 least one-half of his support from the member in the 12-month
25 period immediately preceding the member's death or the accident
26 which was the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency
27 of such a parent will be considered terminated by marriage of the
28 parent subsequent to the death of the member.
- 29 i. (1) "Final compensation" means the average compensation
30 received by the member in the last 12 months of creditable service
31 preceding his retirement or death. Such term includes the value of
32 the member's maintenance allowance for this same period.
33 (2) In the case of a person who becomes a member of the
34 retirement system on or after the effective date of P.L.2010, c.1,
35 "final compensation" means the average annual compensation for
36 service for which contributions are made during any three fiscal
37 years of membership providing the largest possible benefit to the
38 member or the member's beneficiary. Such term includes the value
39 of the member's maintenance allowance for this same period.
- 40 j. (1) "Final salary" means the average salary received by the
41 member in the last 12 months of creditable service preceding his
42 retirement or death. Such term shall not include the value of the
43 member's maintenance allowance.
44 (2) In the case of a person who becomes a member of the
45 retirement system on or after the effective date of P.L.2010, c.1,
46 "final salary" means the average annual salary for service for which
47 contributions are made during any three fiscal years of membership
48 providing the largest possible benefit to the member or the

- 1 member's beneficiary. Such term shall not include the value of the
2 member's maintenance allowance.
- 3 k. "Fiscal year" means any year commencing with July 1 and
4 ending with June 30 next following.
- 5 l. "Medical board" means the board of physicians provided for
6 in section 30 of this act.
- 7 m. "Member" means any full-time, commissioned officer, non-
8 commissioned officer or trooper of the Division of State Police of
9 the Department of Law and Public Safety of the State of New Jersey
10 enrolled in the retirement system established by this act.
- 11 n. "Pension" means payment for life derived from contributions
12 by the State.
- 13 o. "Pension reserve" means the present value of all payments to
14 be made on account of any pension or benefit in lieu of any pension
15 computed on the basis of such mortality tables recommended by the
16 actuary as shall be adopted by the board of trustees and regular
17 interest.
- 18 p. "Regular interest" means interest as determined by the State
19 Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Divisions of
20 Investment and Pensions, the board of trustees and the actuary. It
21 shall bear a reasonable relationship to the percentage rate of
22 earnings on investments based on the market value of the assets but
23 shall not exceed the assumed percentage rate of increase applied to
24 salaries plus 3%, provided however that the board of trustees shall
25 not set the average percentage rate of increase applied to salaries
26 below 6%.
- 27 q. "Retirant" means any former member receiving a retirement
28 allowance as provided by this act.
- 29 r. "Retirement allowance" means the pension plus the annuity.
- 30 s. "State Police Retirement System of New Jersey," herein also
31 referred to as the "retirement system" or "system," is the corporate
32 name of the arrangement for the payment of retirement allowances
33 and of the benefits under the provisions of this act including the
34 several funds placed under said system. By that name, all of its
35 business shall be transacted, its funds invested, warrants for moneys
36 drawn, and payments made and all of its cash and securities and
37 other property held. All assets held in the name of the former
38 "State Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund" shall be transferred
39 to the retirement system established by this act.
- 40 t. "Surviving spouse" means the person to whom a member or
41 a retirant was married, or a domestic partner as defined in section 3
42 of P.L.2003, c.246 (C.26:8A-3), on the date of the death of the
43 member or retirant. The dependency of such a surviving spouse
44 will be considered terminated by the marriage of, or establishment
45 of a domestic partnership by, the surviving spouse subsequent to the
46 member's or the retirant's death, except that in the event of the
47 payment of accidental death benefits, pursuant to section 14 of
48 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-14), the dependency of such a surviving

1 spouse or domestic partner will not be considered terminated by the
2 marriage of, or establishment of a domestic partnership by, the
3 surviving spouse subsequent to the member's death.

4 u. (1) "Compensation" for purposes of computing pension
5 contributions means the base salary, for services as a member as
6 defined in this act, which is in accordance with established salary
7 policies of the State for all employees in the same position but shall
8 not include individual salary adjustments which are granted
9 primarily in anticipation of the member's retirement or additional
10 remuneration for performing temporary duties beyond the regular
11 workday or shift.

12 (2) In the case of a person who becomes a member of the
13 retirement system on or after the effective date of P.L.2010, c.1,
14 "compensation" means the amount of base salary equivalent to the
15 annual maximum wage contribution base for Social Security,
16 pursuant to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, for services as
17 a member as defined in this act, which is in accordance with
18 established salary policies of the State for all employees in the same
19 position but shall not include individual salary adjustments which
20 are granted primarily in anticipation of the member's retirement or
21 additional remuneration for performing temporary duties beyond
22 the regular workday or shift.

23 v. "Veteran" means any person who has served in the United
24 States Armed Forces and has or shall be discharged or released
25 therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, in any of the
26 following wars or emergencies, and who has presented to the
27 retirement system evidence of such record of service in form and
28 content satisfactory to the retirement system:

29 (1) Vietnam conflict on or after December 31, 1960, and on or
30 prior to May 7, 1975, who shall have served at least 90 days in such
31 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a
32 course of education or training under the Army Specialized
33 Training Program or the Navy College Training Program which
34 course was a continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to
35 completion, or (2) as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service
36 academies, any part of which 90 days was served between said
37 dates; and exclusive of any service performed pursuant to the
38 provisions of section 511 (d) of Title 10, United States Code,
39 pursuant to an enlistment in the Army National Guard or as a
40 reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force
41 Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard Reserve; provided,
42 that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or
43 disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person
44 has completed the 90 days' service as herein provided;

45 (2) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26,
46 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively
47 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a
48 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days

1 commencing on or before December 1, 1987 or the date of
2 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
3 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
4 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
5 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
6 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
7 service as herein provided;

8 (3) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after October 23,
9 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship actively
10 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a
11 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
12 commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of
13 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
14 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
15 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
16 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
17 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
18 service as herein provided;

19 (4) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20,
20 1989 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the
21 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of
22 inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship
23 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
24 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
25 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of
26 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
27 United States or Congress, whichever date of termination is the
28 latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving an
29 actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
30 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
31 service as herein provided;

32 (5) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the
33 Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990
34 or the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the
35 President of the United States or Congress, whichever date of
36 inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on
37 board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a
38 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
39 commencing on or before the date of termination of that mission, as
40 proclaimed by the President of the United States or Congress,
41 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;
42 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
43 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person
44 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

45 (6) Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch,
46 on or after August 27, 1992, or the date of inception of that
47 operation, as proclaimed by the President of the United States,
48 Congress or United States Secretary of Defense, whichever date of

1 inception is earliest, who served in the theater of operation,
2 including in the Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, and in
3 direct support of that operation for a period, continuously or in the
4 aggregate, of at least 14 days in such active service, commencing on
5 or before the date of termination of that operation, as proclaimed by
6 the President of the United States, Congress or United States
7 Secretary of Defense, whichever date of termination is the latest;
8 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
9 or disability while engaged in such service shall be classed as a
10 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
11 service as herein provided;

12 (7) Operation "Restore Hope" in Somalia, on or after December
13 5, 1992, or the date of inception of that operation as proclaimed by
14 the President of the United States or Congress, whichever date is
15 earliest, who has served in Somalia or on board any ship actively
16 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a
17 period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days in such
18 active service commencing on or before March 31, 1994; provided
19 that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or
20 disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person
21 has completed the 14-day service as herein provided;

22 (8) Operations "Joint Endeavor" and "Joint Guard" in the
23 Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on or after November 20,
24 1995, who served in such active service in direct support of one or
25 both of the operations for at least 14 days, continuously or in the
26 aggregate, commencing on or before June 20, 1998, and (1) was
27 deployed in that nation or in another area in the region, or (2) was
28 on board a United States naval vessel operating in the Adriatic Sea,
29 or (3) operated in airspace above the Republic of Bosnia and
30 Herzegovina; provided that any person receiving an actual service-
31 incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or
32 not that person completed the 14-day service requirement;

33 (9) Operation "Enduring Freedom", on or after September 11,
34 2001, who served in a theater of operation and in direct support of
35 that operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at
36 least 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the
37 date the President of the United States or the United States
38 Secretary of Defense designates as the termination date of that
39 operation; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-
40 incurred injury or disability while engaged in such service shall be
41 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14
42 days' service as herein provided; and

43 (10) Operation "Iraqi Freedom", on or after the date the President
44 of the United States or the United States Secretary of Defense
45 designates as the inception date of that operation, who served in
46 Iraq or in another area in the region in direct support of that
47 operation for a period, continuously or in the aggregate, of at least
48 14 days in such active service commencing on or before the date the

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1 President of the United States or the United States Secretary of
2 Defense designates as the termination date of that operation;
3 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
4 or disability while engaged in such service shall be classed as a
5 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days'
6 service as herein provided.
7 (cf: P.L.2016, c.26, s.1)
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9 3. This act shall take effect immediately.