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SYNOPSIS

Delays mandatory retirement in SPRS when it would occur during period of state of emergency; extends eligibility for appointment as member of State Police and enrollment in SPRS for 160th Class of NJ State Police.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 25, 2020, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹[mandatory retirement from] certain members
2 of the New Jersey State Police and¹ the State Police Retirement
3 System and supplementing P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3 et seq.).

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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. When a member of the State Police Retirement System is
9 required to retire upon attaining the age of 55 years and the
10 retirement date for that member will occur after the date of the
11 declaration of a public health emergency or state of emergency, or
12 both, by the Governor but before the end date of ¹[either
13 emergency] the period identified by the Federal Emergency
14 Management Agency as the time interval during which the incident
15 that caused the emergency occurs¹, the retirement date shall be
16 extended, upon the request of the member, to the first day of the
17 second calendar month that follows the calendar month in which the
18 end date of ¹the incident period for¹ the public health emergency or
19 state of emergency, whichever is later, occurs.

20 ¹This section shall not be deemed to alter or impair the
21 entitlement and obligation set forth in subsection d. of section 8 of
22 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-8).¹

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24 ¹2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1965,
25 c.89 (C.53:5A-5) or any other law or regulation to the contrary,
26 members of the 160th Class of the New Jersey State Police
27 Academy, which commenced training on February 24, 2020, shall
28 become eligible for membership in the State Police Retirement
29 System, P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.), on August 7, 2020, the
30 originally scheduled date of their academy graduation which was
31 extended as a result of the Public Health Emergency and State of
32 Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of
33 2020.

34 b. Upon completion of pre-service training and graduation from
35 the New Jersey State Police Academy, members of the 160th Class
36 of the New Jersey State Police Academy shall be eligible for
37 appointment as sworn members of the New Jersey State Police at
38 that time regardless of age, notwithstanding the provisions of
39 R.S.53:1-9 relating to the maximum age requirement for
40 appointment as a member of the State Police.¹

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42 ¹[2.] 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 25, 2020.