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SYNOPSIS

Permits survivors of certain retired members of PFRS to apply for accidental death benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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Under current law, only the survivors of active members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System receive an accidental death benefit. Under the bill, the death of a retired member who previously qualified for accidental disability benefits will be considered a death during the performance of duties if the retired member's death is the

1 direct result of the injury caused by the disability, complications
2 therefrom, or the aggravation or acceleration of a preexisting
3 condition caused thereby. Current law is expanded to permit the
4 retired member's surviving spouse, surviving child, or surviving
5 dependent parents, as the case may be, to apply for an accidental
6 death benefit even though the retired member was not an active
7 member of the retirement system upon the death.

8 In order to be approved for accidental death benefits, the bill
9 requires that the survivor provide the receipt of proper proof of death
10 of the retired member and that the death of the retired member was
11 the direct result of the injury caused by the disability and not the
12 retired member's willful negligence. The bill also clarifies that if a
13 survivor is approved for accidental death benefits has already
14 received the 3 1/2 times compensation associated with the accidental
15 disability benefit, the survivor will not receive an additional 3 1/2
16 times compensation associated with the accidental death benefit.