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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for eligibility for
3 early retirement benefits.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 71 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 5308.3. Eligibility for special early retirement.

9 (a) Eligibility.--Notwithstanding any provisions of this
10 title to the contrary, any member who, during the period of time
11 from March 1, 2009, through June 1, 2009:

12 (1) has attained either 30 eligibility points or a
13 combination of age and eligibility points that totals 80;

14 (2) terminated State service; and

15 (3) files an application for an annuity with an
16 effective date of retirement not later than July 1, 2009,

1 shall be entitled to receive a maximum single life annuity
2 calculated pursuant to section 5702 without any reduction by
3 virtue of an effective date of retirement which is under the
4 superannuation age and shall be entitled to any insurance
5 coverage under any contract of insurance affecting the member
6 that is in effect on the effective date of retirement of the
7 member.

8 (b) Net savings cost.--

9 (1) Each calendar quarter, the secretary shall do all of
10 the following:

11 (i) Reduce the allocation for each Commonwealth
12 agency for the ensuing calendar quarter by an amount
13 equal to 60% of the net savings cost for that agency.

14 (ii) Transfer the amount reduced under subparagraph
15 (i) to the fund.

16 (2) This subsection shall expire June 30, 2012.

17 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
18 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
19 subsection:

20 "Net savings cost." The difference between:

21 (1) 25% of the total of the final salaries for members
22 who retire from a Commonwealth agency under this section; and

23 (2) the total salaries of all new hires in the six-month
24 period before, and the six-month period after, July 1, 2009,
25 but in no case less than 20% of the total of the entry level
26 salaries to replace retired members in that Commonwealth
27 agency.

28 "Secretary." The Secretary of the Budget.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.