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P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 54, *approved July 1, 2020*  
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1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for accidental disability and  
 2 accidental death benefits for certain members of the Police and  
 3 Firemen’s Retirement System <sup>1</sup>**[and]**,<sup>1</sup> the Public Employees’  
 4 Retirement System <sup>1</sup>, and the State Police Retirement System<sup>1</sup>  
 5 who contract <sup>1</sup>**[infectious diseases during a public health**  
 6 **emergency or state of emergency]** COVID-19<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>**and test positive**  
 7 **for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup>** and supplementing P.L.1944, c.255  
 8 (C.43:16A-1 et seq.) <sup>1</sup>**[and]**,<sup>1</sup> P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-  
 9 1 et seq.) <sup>1</sup>, and P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.)<sup>1</sup>.

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 11 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
 12 of New Jersey:

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 14 1. For purposes of paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 7  
 15 P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-7), permanent and total disability shall  
 16 be deemed to have occurred as a direct result of a traumatic event  
 17 occurring during and as a result of the performance of regular or  
 18 assigned duties if:

19 the member <sup>1</sup>**[contracts an infectious disease]** <sup>2</sup>**[contracted]**  
 20 **contracts<sup>2</sup> COVID-19<sup>1</sup>** <sup>2</sup>**and tests positive for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup>** during  
 21 <sup>2</sup>**[the period of ]<sup>2</sup>** <sup>1</sup>**[a]** the<sup>1</sup> public health emergency <sup>1</sup>**[or]** <sup>2</sup>**[and]**<sup>1</sup>  
 22 **state of emergency]** in the State<sup>2</sup> declared <sup>1</sup>**[because of that**  
 23 **disease]** by the Governor <sup>2</sup>**[beginning March 9, 2020 but prior to**  
 24 **the termination date of either the public health emergency or the**  
 25 **state of emergency, whichever occurs later<sup>1</sup>]** in Executive Order  
 26 No. 103 of 2020 and as extended<sup>2</sup>;

27 the member is permanently and totally disabled as a result of  
 28 <sup>2</sup>**[the disease]** COVID-19<sup>2</sup>; and

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 11, 2020.

<sup>2</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 25, 2020.

1 the member's regular or assigned duties required the member to  
2 interact, and the member so interacted, with the public <sup>1</sup>or to  
3 directly supervise other personnel so interacting with the public<sup>1</sup> on  
4 any date <sup>2</sup>[after the declaration of] during<sup>2</sup> the public health  
5 emergency <sup>1</sup>[or] <sup>2</sup>[and<sup>1</sup> state of emergency and] in the State  
6 declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and  
7 as extended and<sup>2</sup> within <sup>1</sup>[two weeks] 14 calendar days<sup>1</sup> prior to  
8 the appearance of symptoms <sup>2</sup>consistent with COVID-19<sup>2</sup> that shall  
9 have been confirmed <sup>1</sup>in writing<sup>1</sup> by a <sup>1</sup>[physician] licensed health  
10 care provider<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>on a form approved by the board of trustees and  
11 also confirmed by a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup>.

12 A member who <sup>2</sup>retired during the public health emergency  
13 declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and  
14 as extended, and<sup>2</sup> has been approved for a retirement allowance  
15 pursuant to a provision other than this section or section 7 of  
16 P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-7) prior to the effective date of this act,  
17 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), may apply  
18 for a retirement allowance pursuant to this section and, if approved,  
19 the prior approval shall be rescinded and the retirement allowance  
20 pursuant to approval under this section shall be made retroactive to  
21 the date of the initial approval of the rescinded retirement  
22 allowance.

23 <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>This section shall also apply to a member who was  
24 performing regular or assigned duties but not yet enrolled in the  
25 Police and Firemen's Retirement System who would otherwise be  
26 eligible for an allowance pursuant to this section.<sup>1</sup>]<sup>2</sup>

27 This section shall not apply to any member who has retired and  
28 subsequently returned to employment pursuant to Executive Order  
29 No. 115 of 2020 or any other executive order similarly permitting a  
30 retired member to return to employment without reenrollment to  
31 assist during <sup>1</sup>[a] the<sup>1</sup> public health emergency <sup>1</sup>[or] and<sup>1</sup> state of  
32 emergency.

33 <sup>2</sup>New onset diseases and chronic psychological disease resulting  
34 from prior exposure to, and recovery from, COVID-19 shall not be  
35 deemed a permanent and total disability resulting from COVID-19.<sup>2</sup>  
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37 2. For purposes of paragraph (1) of section 10 of P.L.1944,  
38 c.255 (C.43:16A-10), a member whose death is attributable to <sup>1</sup>[an  
39 infectious disease] COVID-19<sup>1</sup>, complications therefrom, or the  
40 aggravation or acceleration of a preexisting condition caused  
41 thereby shall be deemed to have occurred as the result of an  
42 accident met in the actual performance of duty at some definite time  
43 and place if:

44 the member contracted <sup>1</sup>[an infectious disease] COVID-19<sup>1</sup>  
45 <sup>2</sup>and the member's death occurs after receiving a positive test result  
46 for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup> during <sup>2</sup>[the period of]<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>[a] the<sup>1</sup> public health

1 emergency <sup>1</sup>[or] <sup>2</sup>[and<sup>1</sup> state of emergency] in the State<sup>2</sup> declared  
2 <sup>1</sup>[because of that disease] by the Governor <sup>2</sup>[beginning March 9,  
3 2020 but prior to the termination date of either the public health  
4 emergency or the state of emergency, whichever occurs later<sup>1</sup>] in  
5 Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended<sup>2</sup>;

6 the member dies as a result of <sup>2</sup>[the disease] COVID-19<sup>2</sup>; and  
7 the member's regular or assigned duties required the member to  
8 interact, and the member so interacted, with the public <sup>1</sup>or to  
9 directly supervise other personnel so interacting with the public<sup>1</sup> on  
10 any date <sup>2</sup>[after the declaration of] during<sup>2</sup> the public health  
11 emergency <sup>1</sup>[or] [and<sup>1</sup> state of emergency and] in the State  
12 declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and  
13 as extended and<sup>2</sup> within <sup>1</sup>[two weeks] 14 calendar days<sup>1</sup> prior to  
14 the appearance of symptoms <sup>2</sup>consistent with COVID-19<sup>2</sup> that shall  
15 have been confirmed <sup>1</sup>in writing<sup>1</sup> by a <sup>1</sup>[physician] licensed health  
16 care provider<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>on a form approved by the board of trustees and also  
17 confirmed by a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup>.

18 The filing of an accident report with the Police and Firemen's  
19 Retirement System shall not be required for an accidental death  
20 benefit allowed pursuant to this section.

21 If a <sup>2</sup>member dies during the public health emergency in the  
22 State declared by the Governor on Executive Order No. 103 of 2020  
23 and as extended and the<sup>2</sup> benefit has been approved pursuant to a  
24 provision other than this section or section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255  
25 (C.43:16A-10) prior to the effective date of this act, P.L. , c.  
26 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), a beneficiary may  
27 apply for a benefit pursuant to this section and, if approved, the  
28 prior approval shall be rescinded and the benefit pursuant to  
29 approval under this section shall be made retroactive to the date of  
30 the initial approval of the rescinded benefit.

31 <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>This section shall also apply to a member who was  
32 performing regular or assigned duties but not yet enrolled in the  
33 Police and Firemen's Retirement System when the beneficiary  
34 would otherwise be eligible for a benefit pursuant to this section.<sup>1</sup>]<sup>2</sup>

35 This section shall not apply to any member who has retired and  
36 subsequently returned to employment pursuant to Executive Order  
37 No. 115 of 2020 or any other executive order similarly permitting a  
38 retired member to return to employment without reenrollment to  
39 assist during <sup>1</sup>[a] the<sup>1</sup> public health emergency <sup>1</sup>[or] and<sup>1</sup> state of  
40 emergency.

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42 3. As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" includes,  
43 but shall not be limited to, sheriff's officers and corrections  
44 officers.

45 For purposes of subsection a. of section 43 of P.L.1954, c.84  
46 (C.43:15A-43), permanent and total disability of <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> member who is

1 a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 2 responder eligible to retire pursuant to that subsection a. shall be  
 3 deemed to have occurred as a direct result of a traumatic event  
 4 occurring during and as a result of the performance of regular or  
 5 assigned duties if:

6 the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 7 responder <sup>1</sup>[contracts an infectious disease] <sup>2</sup>[contracted  
 8 contracts<sup>2</sup> COVID-19<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>and tests positive for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup> during  
 9 <sup>2</sup>[the period of]<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>[a] the<sup>1</sup> public health emergency <sup>1</sup>[or] <sup>2</sup>[and<sup>1</sup>  
 10 state of emergency] in the State<sup>2</sup> declared <sup>1</sup>[because of that  
 11 disease] by the Governor <sup>2</sup>[beginning March 9, 2020 but prior to  
 12 the termination date of either the public health emergency or the  
 13 state of emergency, whichever occurs later<sup>1</sup>] in Executive Order  
 14 No. 103 of 2020 and as extended<sup>2</sup>;

15 the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 16 responder is permanently and totally disabled as a result of <sup>2</sup>[the  
 17 disease] COVID-19<sup>2</sup>; and

18 the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 19 responder's regular or assigned duties required the law enforcement  
 20 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical responder to interact, and  
 21 the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 22 responder so interacted, with the public <sup>1</sup>or to directly supervise  
 23 other personnel so interacting with the public<sup>1</sup> on any date <sup>2</sup>[after  
 24 the declaration of] during<sup>2</sup> the public health emergency <sup>1</sup>[or]  
 25 <sup>2</sup>[and<sup>1</sup> state of emergency and] in the State declared by the  
 26 Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended and<sup>2</sup>  
 27 within <sup>1</sup>[two weeks] 14 calendar days<sup>1</sup> prior to the appearance of  
 28 symptoms <sup>2</sup>consistent with COVID-19<sup>2</sup> that shall have been  
 29 confirmed <sup>1</sup>in writing<sup>1</sup> by a <sup>1</sup>[physician] licensed health care  
 30 provider<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>on a form approved by the board of trustees and also  
 31 confirmed by a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup>.

32 A member who is a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or  
 33 emergency medical responder and who <sup>2</sup>retired during the public  
 34 health emergency in the State declared by the Governor in  
 35 Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended and<sup>2</sup> has been  
 36 approved for a retirement allowance pursuant to a provision other  
 37 than this section or section 43 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-43)  
 38 prior to the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before  
 39 the Legislature as this bill), may apply for a retirement allowance  
 40 pursuant to this section and, if approved, the prior approval shall be  
 41 rescinded and the retirement allowance pursuant to approval under  
 42 this section shall be made retroactive to the date of the initial  
 43 approval of the rescinded retirement allowance.

44 <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>This section shall also apply to a law enforcement officer,  
 45 firefighter, or emergency medical responder who was performing  
 46 regular or assigned duties but not yet enrolled in the Public

1 Employees' Retirement System who would otherwise be eligible for  
 2 an allowance pursuant to this section.<sup>1</sup><sup>2</sup>

3 This section shall not apply to any member who has retired and  
 4 subsequently returned to employment pursuant to Executive Order  
 5 No. 115 of 2020 or any other executive order similarly permitting a  
 6 retired member to return to employment without reenrollment to  
 7 assist during <sup>1</sup>**[a]** the<sup>1</sup> public health emergency <sup>1</sup>**[or]** and<sup>1</sup> state of  
 8 emergency.

9 <sup>2</sup>New onset diseases and chronic psychological disease resulting  
 10 from prior exposure to, and recovery from, COVID-19 shall not be  
 11 deemed a permanent and total disability resulting from COVID-19.<sup>2</sup>

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 13 4. As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" includes,  
 14 but shall not be limited to, sheriff's officers and corrections  
 15 officers.

16 For purposes of paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 49 of  
 17 P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-49), a member who is a law enforcement  
 18 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical responder and whose  
 19 death is attributable to <sup>1</sup>**[an infectious disease]** COVID-19<sup>1</sup>,  
 20 complications therefrom, or the aggravation or acceleration of a  
 21 preexisting condition caused thereby shall be deemed to have  
 22 occurred as the result of an accident met in the actual performance  
 23 of duty at some definite time and place if:

24 the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 25 responder contracted <sup>1</sup>**[an infectious disease]** COVID-19<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>and the  
 26 member's death occurs after receiving a positive test result for  
 27 SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup> during <sup>2</sup>**[the period of ]**<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>**[a]** the<sup>1</sup> public health  
 28 emergency <sup>1</sup>**[or]** <sup>2</sup>**[and]**<sup>1</sup> state of emergency <sup>2</sup>**[in the State]**<sup>2</sup> declared  
 29 <sup>1</sup>**[because of that disease]** by the Governor <sup>2</sup>**[beginning March 9,**  
 30 2020 but prior to the termination date of either the public health  
 31 emergency or the state of emergency, whichever occurs later<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>**[]** in  
 32 Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended<sup>2</sup>;

33 the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 34 responder dies as a result of <sup>2</sup>**[the disease]** COVID-19<sup>2</sup>; and

35 the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 36 responder's regular or assigned duties required the law enforcement  
 37 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical responder to interact, and  
 38 the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
 39 responder so interacted, with the public <sup>1</sup>or to directly supervise  
 40 other personnel so interacting with the public<sup>1</sup> on any date <sup>2</sup>**[after**  
 41 the declaration of] during<sup>2</sup> the public health emergency <sup>1</sup>**[or]**  
 42 <sup>2</sup>**[and]**<sup>1</sup> state of emergency <sup>2</sup>**[and]** in the State declared by the  
 43 Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended and<sup>2</sup>  
 44 within <sup>1</sup>**[two weeks]** 14 calendar days<sup>1</sup> prior to the appearance of  
 45 symptoms <sup>2</sup>consistent with COVID-19<sup>2</sup> that shall have been  
 46 confirmed <sup>1</sup>in writing<sup>1</sup> by a <sup>1</sup>**[physician]** licensed health care

1 provider<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>on a form approved by the board of trustees and also  
2 confirmed by a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup>.

3 The filing of an accident report with the Public Employees'  
4 Retirement System shall not be required for an accidental death  
5 benefit allowed pursuant to this section.

6 If <sup>2</sup>[an application of a beneficiary] a member dies during the  
7 public health emergency in the State declared by the Governor in  
8 Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended and the benefit<sup>2</sup>  
9 has been approved pursuant to a provision other than this section or  
10 section 49 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-49) prior to the effective  
11 date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this  
12 bill), a beneficiary may apply for a benefit pursuant to this section  
13 and, if approved, the prior approval shall be rescinded and the  
14 benefit pursuant to approval under this section shall be made  
15 retroactive to the date of the rescinded initial approval.

16 <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>This section shall also apply to a law enforcement officer,  
17 firefighter, or emergency medical responder who was performing  
18 regular or assigned duties but not yet enrolled in the Public  
19 Employees' Retirement System when the beneficiary would  
20 otherwise be eligible for a benefit pursuant to this section.<sup>1</sup>]<sup>2</sup>

21 This section shall not apply to any member who has retired and  
22 subsequently returned to employment pursuant to Executive Order  
23 No. 115 of 2020 or any other executive order similarly permitting a  
24 retired member to return to employment without reenrollment to  
25 assist during <sup>1</sup>[a] the<sup>1</sup> public health emergency <sup>1</sup>[or] and<sup>1</sup> state of  
26 emergency.

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28 <sup>1</sup>5. For purposes of subsection a. of section 10 of P.L.1965,  
29 c.89 (C.53:5A-10), permanent and total disability shall be deemed  
30 to have occurred as a direct result of a traumatic event occurring  
31 during and as a result of the performance of regular or assigned  
32 duties if:

33 the member <sup>2</sup>[contracted] contracts<sup>2</sup> COVID-19 <sup>2</sup>and tests  
34 positive for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup> during <sup>2</sup>[the period of]<sup>2</sup> the public  
35 health emergency <sup>2</sup>[and state of emergency] in this State<sup>2</sup> declared  
36 by the Governor <sup>2</sup>[beginning March 9, 2020 but prior to the  
37 termination date of either the public health emergency or the state  
38 of emergency, whichever occurs later] in Executive Order No. 103  
39 of 2020 and as extended<sup>2</sup>;

40 the member is permanently and totally disabled as a result of  
41 <sup>2</sup>[the disease] COVID-19<sup>2</sup>; and

42 the member's regular or assigned duties required the member to  
43 interact, and the member so interacted, with the public or to directly  
44 supervise other personnel so interacting with the public on any date  
45 <sup>2</sup>[after the declaration of] during<sup>2</sup> the public health emergency  
46 <sup>2</sup>[and state of emergency and] in this State declared by the  
47 Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended and<sup>2</sup>

1 within 14 calendar days prior to the appearance of symptoms  
2 <sup>2</sup>consistent with COVID-19<sup>2</sup> that shall have been confirmed in  
3 writing by a licensed health care provider <sup>2</sup>on a form approved by  
4 the board of trustees and also confirmed by a positive test result for  
5 SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup>.

6 A member who <sup>2</sup>retired during the public health emergency in  
7 the State declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of  
8 2020 and as extended and<sup>2</sup> has been approved for a retirement  
9 allowance pursuant to a provision other than this section or section  
10 10 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-10) prior to the effective date of this  
11 act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), may  
12 apply for a retirement allowance pursuant to this section and, if  
13 approved, the prior approval shall be rescinded and the retirement  
14 allowance pursuant to approval under this section shall be made  
15 retroactive to the date of the initial approval of the rescinded  
16 retirement allowance.

17 <sup>2</sup>[This section shall also apply to a member who was performing  
18 regular or assigned duties but not yet enrolled in the State Police  
19 Retirement System who would otherwise be eligible for an  
20 allowance pursuant to this section.]<sup>2</sup>

21 This section shall not apply to any member who has retired and  
22 subsequently returned to employment pursuant to Executive Order  
23 No. 115 of 2020 or any other executive order similarly permitting a  
24 retired member to return to employment without reenrollment  
25 during the public health emergency and state of emergency.<sup>1</sup>

26 <sup>2</sup>New onset diseases and chronic psychological disease resulting  
27 from prior exposure to, and recovery from, COVID-19 shall not be  
28 deemed a permanent and total disability resulting from COVID-19.<sup>2</sup>  
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30 <sup>1</sup>6. For purposes of subsection a. of section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89  
31 (C.53:5A-14), a member whose death is attributable to COVID-19,  
32 complications therefrom, or the aggravation or acceleration of a  
33 preexisting condition caused thereby shall be deemed to have  
34 occurred as the result of an accident met in the actual performance  
35 of duty at some definite time and place if:

36 the member contracted COVID-19 <sup>2</sup>and the member's death  
37 occurs after receiving a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup> during  
38 the <sup>2</sup>[period of]<sup>2</sup> the public health emergency <sup>2</sup>[and state of  
39 emergency] in this State<sup>2</sup> declared by the Governor <sup>2</sup>[beginning  
40 March 9, 2020 but prior to the termination date of either the public  
41 health emergency or the state of emergency, whichever occurs  
42 later] in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended<sup>2</sup>;

43 the member dies as a result of <sup>2</sup>[the disease] COVID-19<sup>2</sup> ; and  
44 the member's regular or assigned duties required the member to  
45 interact, and the member so interacted, with the public or to directly  
46 supervise other personnel so interacting with the public on any date  
47 <sup>2</sup>[after the declaration of] during<sup>2</sup> the public health emergency

1 <sup>2</sup>[and state of emergency and] in this State declared by the  
2 Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and as extended and<sup>2</sup>  
3 within 14 calendar days prior to the appearance of symptoms  
4 <sup>2</sup>consistent with COVID-19<sup>2</sup> that shall have been confirmed in  
5 writing by a licensed health care provider <sup>2</sup>on a form approved by  
6 the board of trustees and also confirmed by a positive test result for  
7 SARS-CoV-2<sup>2</sup>.

8 The filing of an accident report with the State Police Retirement  
9 System shall not be required for an accidental death benefit allowed  
10 pursuant to this section.

11 If a <sup>2</sup>member dies during the public health emergency in the  
12 State declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020  
13 and as extended and the<sup>2</sup> benefit has been approved pursuant to a  
14 provision other than this section or section 14 of P.L.1965, c.89  
15 (C.53:5A-14) prior to the effective date of this act, P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c.  
16 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), a beneficiary may  
17 apply for a benefit pursuant to this section and, if approved, the  
18 prior approval shall be rescinded and the benefit pursuant to  
19 approval under this section shall be made retroactive to the date of  
20 the initial approval of the rescinded benefit.

21 <sup>2</sup>[This section shall also apply to a member who was performing  
22 regular or assigned duties but not yet enrolled in the State Police  
23 Retirement System when the beneficiary would otherwise be  
24 eligible for a benefit pursuant to this section.]<sup>2</sup>

25 This section shall not apply to any member who has retired and  
26 subsequently returned to employment pursuant to Executive Order  
27 No. 115 of 2020 or any other executive order similarly permitting a  
28 retired member to return to employment without reenrollment to  
29 assist during the public health emergency and state of emergency.<sup>1</sup>  
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31 <sup>17</sup>. The Division of Pension and Benefits in the Department of  
32 the Treasury<sup>2</sup>, and the board of trustees in the case of the Police and  
33 Firemen's Retirement System,<sup>2</sup> shall notify all members of the  
34 Police and Firemen's Retirement System, all law enforcement  
35 officer, firefighter and emergency medical responder members of  
36 the Public Employees' Retirement System, and all members of the  
37 State Police Retirement System who are enrolled in those respective  
38 retirement systems on the effective date of this act, P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c.  
39 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), of the provisions of this  
40 act. The division<sup>2</sup>, and the board of trustees in the case of the  
41 Police and Firemen's Retirement System,<sup>2</sup> shall also notify all  
42 members who retired on or after March 9, 2020 and all beneficiaries  
43 of members who died on or after March 9, 2020 of the provisions of  
44 this act.

45 The division<sup>2</sup>, and the board of trustees in the case of the Police  
46 and Firemen's Retirement System,<sup>2</sup> shall provide the required  
47 notice within 30 days after the effective date of this act.<sup>1</sup>



1 <sup>1</sup>8. Notwithstanding any provision of the "Administrative  
2 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the  
3 contrary, the board of trustees for the Police and Firemen's  
4 Retirement System, for the Public Employees' Retirement System  
5 and for the State Police Retirement System, during the 90-day  
6 period following the effective date of this act, P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c.  
7 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), may adopt, amend, or  
8 repeal any rule or regulation on an emergency basis for a period not  
9 to exceed 180 days for the purpose of the expeditious and effective  
10 implementation of the provisions of this act. Any emergency rule  
11 or regulation authorized by this section shall be subject to such  
12 terms and conditions as a board of trustees may deem appropriate.  
13 Such emergency rules or regulations shall be effective when  
14 published by the board on the website of the Department of the  
15 Treasury<sup>2</sup>, and on the website of the board of trustees in the case of  
16 the Police and Firemen's Retirement System<sup>2</sup>. Notice of any  
17 emergency rule or regulation pursuant to this section shall be  
18 published in the New Jersey Register not later than 30 days  
19 subsequent to the implementation of the emergency rules or  
20 regulations.<sup>1</sup>

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22 <sup>1</sup>**[5.]** 9.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately and shall be  
23 retroactive to <sup>1</sup>**[January 1, 2020]** March 9, 2020<sup>1</sup>.

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28 Extends eligibility for accidental disability and accidental death  
29 benefits to certain PFRS, SPRS, and PERS members who contract  
30 COVID-19 and test positive for SARS-CoV-2.