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HOUSE BILL 595

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDICIAL RETIREMENT PLANS; REVISING THE EFFECT OF STATEMENTS OF FACT OR LAW REGARDING RETIREMENT PLANS MADE BY THE RETIREMENT BOARD, EMPLOYEES OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD OR EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 10-12B-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 115, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-12B-19. CORRECTIONS OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS [ESTOPPEL].--

A. If an error or omission results in overpayment to a member or beneficiary of a member, the association shall correct the error or omission and adjust all future payments accordingly. The association shall recover all overpayments . 135732.1

made for a period of up to one year prior to the date the error or omission was discovered.

B. A person who is paid more than the amount that is lawfully due him as a result of fraudulent information provided by the member or beneficiary shall be liable for the repayment of that amount to the association plus interest on that amount at the rate set by the board plus all costs of collection, including attorney fees if necessary. Recovery of such overpayment shall extend back to the date the first payment was made based on the fraudulent information.

[C. Statements of fact or law made by board members or employees of the board or the association shall not estop the board or the association from acting in accordance with the applicable statutes.]"

Section 2. Section 10-12C-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 115, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-12C-18. CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS
[ESTOPPEL].--

A. If an error or omission results in an overpayment to a member or beneficiary of a member, the association shall correct the error or omission and adjust all future payments accordingly. The association shall recover all overpayments made for a period of up to one year prior to the date the error or omission was discovered.

B. A person who is paid more than the amount that .135732.1

is lawfully due him as a result of fraudulent information provided by the member or beneficiary shall be liable for the repayment of that amount to the association plus interest on that amount at the rate set by the board plus all costs of collection, including attorney fees if necessary. Recovery of such overpayment shall extend back to the date the first payment was made based on the fraudulent information.

[C. Statements of fact or law made by board members or employees of the board or the association shall not estop the board or the association from acting in accordance with the applicable statutes.]"

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.

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