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SENATE BILL 263

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Billy J. McKibben

AN ACT

RELATING TO RETIREE HEALTH CARE; AMENDING THE RETIREE HEALTH CARE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DETERMINING PREMIUMS BASED ON RETIREES' YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE.

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

Section 1. Section 10-7C-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990, Chapter 6, Section 13, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-7C-13. PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS ON HEALTH CARE PLANS. --

A. Each eligible retiree shall pay a monthly premium for the basic plan in an amount set by the board not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus the amount, if any, of the compounded annual increases authorized by the board, which increases shall not exceed three percent in any fiscal year. In addition to the monthly premium for the basic plan, each current retiree and nonsalaried eligible

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1 participating entity governing authority member who becomes an
2 eligible retiree shall also pay monthly an additional
3 participation fee set by the board. That fee shall be five
4 dollars (\$5.00) plus the amount, if any, of the compounded
5 annual increases authorized by the board, which increases
6 shall not exceed three percent in any fiscal year. The
7 additional monthly participation fee paid by the current
8 retirees and nonsalaried eligible participating entity
9 governing authority members who become eligible retirees shall
10 be a consideration and a condition for being permitted to
11 participate in the Retiree Health Care Act. Eligible
12 dependents shall pay monthly premiums in amounts that with
13 other money appropriated to the fund shall cover the cost of
14 the basic plan for the eligible dependents.

15 B. Eligible retirees and eligible dependents shall
16 pay monthly premiums to cover the cost of the optional plans
17 that they elect to receive, and the board shall adopt rules
18 for the collection of additional premiums from eligible
19 retirees and eligible dependents participating in the optional
20 plans. An eligible retiree or eligible dependent may
21 authorize the authority in writing to deduct the amount of
22 these premiums from the monthly annuity payments, if
23 applicable.

24 C. For eligible retirees who become eligible for
25 participation on or after July 1, 2001, the board may

1 determine monthly premiums based on the retirees' years of
2 credited service with participating employers.

3 [C-] D. The participating employers, active
4 employees and retirees are responsible for the financial
5 viability of the program. The overall financial viability is
6 not an additional financial obligation of the state."

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been
11 referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
17 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 1 Against

Yes: 4

No: Robinson

Excused: Feldman, Garcia, Howes, Smith

Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
17 APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

18 Respectfully submitted,
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23 James G. Taylor, Chairman
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Yes: 7

Excused: None

Absent: None

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7 Mr. Speaker:

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9 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
10 whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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16 1. On page 1, line 13, before the period insert "AND
17 INCREASE THE CAP ON ANNUAL RETIREE BASIC PLAN PREMIUM
18 INCREASES".

19 2. On page 1, line 23, strike "three" and insert in lieu
20 thereof "nine".

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22 3. On page 2, line 6, strike "three" and insert in lieu
23 thereof "nine".

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4 Respectfully submitted,

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9 Max Coll, Chairman

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14 Date _____

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16 The roll call vote was 9 For 3 Against

17 Yes: 9

18 No: Coll, Picraux, Varela

19 Excused: Abeyta, Parsons, Pearce, Saavedra, Salazar

20 Absent: None
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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to SENATE BILL 263, as amended

Amendment sponsored by Representative Luciano "Lucky" Varela

1. Strike House Appropriations and Finance Committee Amendment 1.

2. On page 1, lines 11 through 13, strike from "AMENDING" up to the period and insert in lieu thereof "INCREASING THE CAP ON ANNUAL RETIREE BASIC PLAN PREMIUM INCREASES".

3. On pages 2 and 3, strike Subsection C in its entirety.

4. Reletter the succeeding subsection accordingly.

Luciano "Lucky" Varela

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