

FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 2001

February 26, 2001

Mr. President:

Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

SENATE BILL 71

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

1. On page 2, between lines 4 and 5, insert a new Section 2 to read:

"Section 2. 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 fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus the amount, if any, of the compounded annual increases authorized by the board, which increases shall not exceed nine percent [~~in any fiscal year~~] until fiscal year 2008 after which the increases shall not exceed the authority's group health care trend. In addition to the monthly premium for the basic plan, each current retiree and nonsalaried eligible participating entity governing authority member who becomes an eligible retiree shall also pay monthly an additional participation fee set by the board. That fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00) plus the amount, if any, of the compounded annual increases authorized by the board, which increases shall not exceed nine percent [~~in any fiscal year~~] until fiscal year 2008 after which the increases shall not exceed the authority's group health care trend. The additional monthly participation fee paid by the current retirees and nonsalaried eligible participating entity governing authority members who become eligible retirees shall be a consideration and a condition for being permitted to participate in the Retiree Health Care Act. Eligible dependents shall pay monthly premiums in amounts that with other money appropriated to the fund shall cover the cost of the basic plan for the eligible dependents.

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

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C. The participating employers, active employees and retirees are responsible for the financial viability of the program. The overall financial viability is not an additional financial obligation of the state.

D. For eligible retirees who become eligible for participation on or after July 1, 2001, the board may determine monthly premiums based on the retirees' years of credited service with participating employers."".

2. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.
3. On page 2, line 14, after the semicolon insert "and".
4. On page 2, line 15, after "(2)" insert "up to".
5. On page 2, line 16, strike "for the period" and insert in lieu thereof "beginning".
6. On page 2, line 17, add a period after "2002", strike the remainder of the line and strike lines 18, 19 and 20 in their entirety.
7. On page 3, line 5, after the semicolon insert "and".
8. On page 3, line 6, after "(2)" insert "up to".
9. On page 3, lines 6 and 7, strike "for the period" and insert in lieu thereof "beginning".
10. On page 3, line 7, add a period after "2002", strike the remainder of the line and strike lines 8 and 9 in their entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ben J. Altamirano, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 5 For 3 Against

Yes: 5

No: Lyons, Rawson, Wilson

Excused: Rodriguez, Tsosie

Absent: None

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