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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 47
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION TO
STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING A VOLUNTEER, NON-SALARIED
FIREFIGHTER MEMBER TO COLLECT HIS RETIREMENT ANNUITY EVEN IF
HE IS RETIRED BY OR RECEIVING AN ANNUITY FROM ANOTHER PLAN
CREATED OR ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE.

WHEREAS, over the years, the citizens of the state of New
Mexico have benefited immensely from the selfless services of
volunteer, non-salaried firefighters; and

WHEREAS, many of those volunteer firefighters have served
their respective communities for up to twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters put themselves in harm's
way time and again in order to protect the people of their
communities; and

WHEREAS, a number of New Mexico's volunteer firefighters
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1 are also serving the state as public employees; and

2 WHEREAS, encouraging citizens to serve in the public
3 sector is both desirable and beneficial to the state; and

4 WHEREAS, a volunteer firefighter, regardless of how long
5 he has served as a volunteer firefighter in New Mexico, cannot
6 receive an annuity from the volunteer firefighters retirement
7 fund and at the same time be retired by or receiving an
8 annuity from any other retirement, pension or annuity plan
9 created or established by the state;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public employees retirement
12 association be requested to study the feasibility of allowing
13 a volunteer, non-salaried firefighter who is eligible for a
14 retirement annuity from the volunteer firefighters retirement
15 fund to collect such an annuity as well as any other
16 retirement annuity that he may be entitled to receive from
17 another state retirement, pension or annuity plan; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
19 forwarded to the retirement board of the public employees
20 retirement association and the executive secretary of the
21 public employees retirement association.