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HOUSE BILL 788

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT; EXPANDING THE  
APPLICABILITY OF THE STATE POLICE MEMBER COVERAGE PLAN 1;  
AMENDING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT ACT.

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

Section 1. Section 10-11-27 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,  
Chapter 253, Section 27) is amended to read:

"10-11-27. STATE POLICE MEMBER COVERAGE PLAN 1--  
APPLICABILITY.--State police member coverage plan 1 is  
applicable to state police members who are not specifically  
covered by another coverage plan. The credited service of a  
state police member who has held the permanent rank of  
patrolman, ~~sergeant~~, lieutenant or captain and does not  
hold an exempt rank or who is assigned to the aircraft division

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1 as a pilot shall have actual credited service increased by  
2 twenty percent for the purposes of state police member coverage  
3 plan 1. "

4 Section 2. A new Section 10-11-27.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
5 to read:

6 "10-11-27.1. [NEW MATERIAL] LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. --The  
7 legislature finds that:

8 A. it is appropriate to recognize the  
9 professionalism and dedication of state police officers, who  
10 provide an essential service to the citizens of New Mexico;

11 B. it is appropriate to recognize the hazardous  
12 nature of the work performed by state police officers;

13 C. the spirit of what it takes to be a state police  
14 officer is personified by Sergeant Brent H. Bateman, who served  
15 with honor as a state police officer for twenty-two years.

16 Sergeant Bateman became ill days after his retirement and  
17 passed away a short six months following retirement; and

18 D. the twenty percent credit towards actual service  
19 provided in state police member coverage plan 1 is dedicated to  
20 Sergeant Brent H. Bateman and all other officers who have  
21 served, and who do serve, as New Mexico state police officers. "

22 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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