SENATE BILL 224

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO RETIREE HEALTH CARE; AMENDING THE RETIREE HEALTH
CARE ACT TO INCREASE THE CAP ON ANNUAL RETIREE BASIC PLAN
PREMIUM INCREASES.

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] nine 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] nine 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.   The participating employers, active employees

25   and retirees are responsible for the financial viability of

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1   the program. The overall financial viability is not an

2   additional financial obligation of the state."

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FIRST SESSION, 1999

February 12, 1999

Mr. President:

Your **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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11 The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

12 Yes: 5

13 No: 0

14 Excused: Feldman, Garcia, Stockard, Smith

15 Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1999

March 11, 1999

Mr. Speaker:

Your **GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

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James G. Taylor, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: None

Absent: None

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