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STATE OF NEW YORK

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2007-2008 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 29, 2007

Introduced by Sen. PADAVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and
Pensions

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to health
insurance coverage for certain dependents of deceased state employees

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and
Assem- bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The three undesignated paragraphs of section 165-a of
the civil service law are designated subdivisions 1, 3 and 4 and a
new subdivision 2 is added to read as follows:

2 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an unremarried
3 spouse of an employee of the state who retired prior to April first,
4 nineteen hundred seventy-nine and deceased subsequent to such retirement,
5 and such spouse having been determined to be eligible for continued
6 coverage as a dependent survivor and having timely elected to continue
7 dependent coverage, shall be required to pay for health insurance coverage at
8 the same rate as is paid by active employees of the state.
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10 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it
11 shall have become a law.

12 FISCAL NOTE.--There are currently 1,600 pre-'79 dependent survivors
of

whom 1,467 pay full share and 133 are "amended" dependent survivors
who
pay 25% of the cost of dependent coverage in accordance with a
previous
legislated modification that affected these dependent survivors.
There are 10,247 post '79 dependent survivors who pay the same rate
as
active employees for the coverage/option elected.
Based on only the actual number of pre-79 survivors now enrolled,
the
cost of bringing the State's contribution on behalf of pre-79
dependent
survivors up to the current dependent survivor contribution rate
is
\$7,500,000. This is an annual cost based upon current rates. The
added
cost of bringing the cost of pre-79 dependent survivors up to
the
current dependent survivor coverage expressed as a percentage
of

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in
brackets

[-] is old law to be omitted.

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projected 2007 NYSHIP premium is .139%; expressed as a percentage
of
projected 2007 GSC gross premium it is .345%.
This estimate, dated March 22, 2007 and intended only for use
during
the 2007 legislative session, was prepared by Christine
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