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HOUSE BILL NO. 1655

Offered January 13, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 51.1-163.1, relating to survivor benefits for members of the Virginia Retirement System.

Patrons—Jones, J.C., Barlow, Christian, Darner, Day and Hall

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 51.1-163.1 as follows:

§ 51.1-163.1. Survivorship option for husband and wife as participating members.

Upon the death of a member whose spouse is also a member, the surviving spouse shall have the option of electing to receive the death benefit which would have been available to the deceased spouse upon the death of the surviving spouse. Any surviving spouse making an election pursuant to this section shall provide written notice of such election to the Retirement System within ninety days after the death of the member.