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SENATE BILL NO. 692

Senate Amendments in [] — January 29, 2015

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; conservation officers of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.*

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senators Deeds, Chafin and Edwards

Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 51.1-212. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Employee" means any (i) member of the Capitol Police Force as described in § 30-34.2:1, (ii) campus police officer appointed under the provisions of Chapter 17 (§ 23-232 et seq.) of Title 23, (iii) conservation police officer in the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries appointed under the provisions of Chapter 2 (§ 29.1-200 et seq.) of Title 29.1, (iv) special agent of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control appointed under the provisions of Chapter 1 (§ 4.1-100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, (v) law-enforcement officer employed by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission as described in § 9.1-101, (vi) correctional officer as the term is defined in § 53.1-1, and including correctional officers employed at a juvenile correction facility as the term is defined in § 66-25.3, (vii) ~~any~~ parole officer appointed pursuant to § 53.1-143, and (viii) ~~any~~ commercial vehicle enforcement officer employed by the Department of State Police.

The term "employee" also includes any conservation officer of the Department of Conservation and Recreation commissioned pursuant to § 10.1-115. Such conservation officer shall accrue the applicable retirement benefits under this chapter only for creditable service under this chapter on or after July 1, 2015. In addition, such conservation officer shall not be eligible to retire under this chapter unless he has five or more years of creditable service (a) as a member of the retirement system established under this chapter, (b) as a member of the retirement system established under Chapter 2 (§ 51.1-200 et seq.), or (c) while earning the benefits permitted by § 51.1-138.

"Member" means any person included in the membership of the Retirement System as provided in this chapter.

"Normal retirement date" means a member's sixtieth birthday.

"Retirement System" means the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.

2. That any person who becomes a member of the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (§ 51.1-211 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be eligible only for those retirement benefits under such system that are provided to employees who commence employment or reemployment on or after July 1, 2015.

[3. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriation act passed in 2015 by the General Assembly that becomes law.]

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