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Sponsor(s): Gagliano

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SENATE, No. 3057

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 1987

By Senator GAGLIANO

Referred to Committee on State Government and Federal and
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT concerning certain retirants of the State Police Retirement
System and supplementing P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-1 et seq.).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Any retirant of the State Police Retirement System estab-
2 lished pursuant to P. L. 1965, c. 89 (C. 53:5A-1 et seq.) who pays
3 the premium charges under Part A and Part B of the federal
4 medicare program covering the retirant and the retirant's spouse
5 shall be reimbursed by the State for the premium charges paid
6 under Part A. "Medicare" as used in this act means the coverage
7 provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act as amended
8 in 1965 or its successor plan or plans.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill provides that any retirant of the State Police Retirement System who pays the premium charges under Part A and Part B of the federal medicare program will be reimbursed by the State for the premium charges under Part A.

Medicare coverage for a retirant is required for the retirant to continue after age 65 in the State health benefits program, which complements the federal program. The vast majority of present retirants of the State Police Retirement System qualified for automatic coverage under the federal medicare program upon reaching age 65 because they had contributed to the social security system for

the required period of time during their working lives, and thus they were able to continue in the State health benefits program. However, there are some retirants of the State Police Retirement System who were not automatically eligible for medicare benefits upon reaching age 65 because they had never contributed to the social security system. As a result, they were ineligible to continue in the State health benefits program after 65 unless they purchased medicare coverage from the federal government. Under this bill these retirants will be able to receive the same health benefits other retirants over 65 receive at the same cost to the other retirants.

PENSIONS—PFRS, STATE POLICE

Provides for certain State Police retirants to be reimbursed for payment of Part A medicare benefits coverage.

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3057

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 1987

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3057.

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**SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL AND
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STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3057

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 11, 1987

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