

53:5A-8.3 and 53:5A-5.5
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2020 **CHAPTER:** 46

NJSA: 53:5A-8.3 and 53:5A-5.5 (Delays mandatory retirement in SPRS when it would occur during period of state of emergency; extends eligibility for appointment as member of State Police and enrollment in SPRS for 160th Class of NJ State Police.)

BILL NO: S2355 (Substituted for A3963)

SPONSOR(S) Vin Gopal and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 4/9/2020

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Appropriations

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 6/29/2020

SENATE: 6/29/2020

DATE OF APPROVAL: 7/1/2020

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted) Yes

S2355

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A3963

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P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 46, *approved July 1, 2020*

Senate, No. 2355 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹[mandatory retirement from] certain members
2 of the New Jersey State Police and¹ the State Police Retirement
3 System and supplementing P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. When a member of the State Police Retirement System is
9 required to retire upon attaining the age of 55 years and the
10 retirement date for that member will occur after the date of the
11 declaration of a public health emergency or state of emergency, or
12 both, by the Governor but before the end date of ¹[either
13 emergency] the period identified by the Federal Emergency
14 Management Agency as the time interval during which the incident
15 that caused the emergency occurs¹, the retirement date shall be
16 extended, upon the request of the member, to the first day of the
17 second calendar month that follows the calendar month in which the
18 end date of ¹the incident period for¹ the public health emergency or
19 state of emergency, whichever is later, occurs.

20 ¹This section shall not be deemed to alter or impair the
21 entitlement and obligation set forth in subsection d. of section 8 of
22 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-8).¹
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24 ¹2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1965,
25 c.89 (C.53:5A-5) or any other law or regulation to the contrary,
26 members of the 160th Class of the New Jersey State Police
27 Academy, which commenced training on February 24, 2020, shall
28 become eligible for membership in the State Police Retirement
29 System, P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.), on August 7, 2020, the
30 originally scheduled date of their academy graduation which was
31 extended as a result of the Public Health Emergency and State of
32 Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of
33 2020.

34 b. Upon completion of pre-service training and graduation
35 from the New Jersey State Police Academy, members of the 160th
36 Class of the New Jersey State Police Academy shall be eligible for
37 appointment as sworn members of the New Jersey State Police at
38 that time regardless of age, notwithstanding the provisions of

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 25, 2020.

1 R.S.53:1-9 relating to the maximum age requirement for
2 appointment as a member of the State Police.¹

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4 ¹**[2.]** 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 Delays mandatory retirement in SPRS when it would occur
10 during period of state of emergency; extends eligibility for
11 appointment as member of State Police and enrollment in SPRS for
12 160th Class of NJ State Police.

SENATE, No. 2355

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 9, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

Senator CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Cardinale, Corrado, Holzapel, O'Scanlon, Pennacchio and Singer

SYNOPSIS

Delays mandatory retirement in SPRS when it would occur during period of state of emergency declared by the Governor.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/13/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning mandatory retirement from the State Police
2 Retirement System and supplementing P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3
3 et seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. When a member of the State Police Retirement System is
9 required to retire upon attaining the age of 55 years and the retirement
10 date for that member will occur after the date of the declaration of a
11 public health emergency or state of emergency, or both, by the
12 Governor but before the end date of either emergency, the retirement
13 date shall be extended, upon the request of the member, to the first
14 day of the second calendar month that follows the calendar month in
15 which the end date of the public health emergency or state of
16 emergency, whichever is later, occurs.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill provides for the extension of the retirement date for a
24 member of the State Police Retirement System who is required to
25 retire upon attaining the age of 55 years. If the retirement date falls
26 during a period of a public health emergency or state of emergency
27 declared by the Governor, the bill requires the retirement date to be
28 extended, if the member makes such a request, for a short period of
29 time following the end of the emergency.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2355

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2020

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2355.

This bill provides for the extension of the retirement date for a member of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) who is required to retire upon attaining the age of 55 years. If the retirement date falls during a period of a public health emergency or state of emergency declared by the Governor, the bill requires the retirement date to be extended, if the member makes such a request, for a short period of time following the end of the emergency.

As amended, this bill provides that members of the 160th Class of the New Jersey State Police Academy, which commenced training on February 24, 2020, will become eligible for membership in the SPRS on August 7, 2020, the originally scheduled date of their academy graduation which was extended as a result of the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020.

The bill, as amended, also provides that upon completion of pre-service training and graduation from the Academy, members of the 160th Class will be eligible for appointment as members of the State Police regardless of age, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement of 35 years of age in R.S.53:1-9.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2355 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3963, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) specify that for the purposes of determining whether a retirement occurs before the end date of the period of a public health emergency or state of emergency, the end date will be that identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

(2) clarify that the bill will not be deemed to impair any entitlement to continued health benefits coverage during retirement for a member who has more than 20 but fewer than 25 years of creditable service at the time of retirement;

(3) permit members of the 160th Class of the New Jersey State Police Academy to become eligible for membership in the SPRS on the date originally scheduled for completion of the State Police Academy, which date was extended as a result of the coronavirus pandemic; and

(4) permit members of the 160th class to be appointed as members of the State Police upon graduation from the academy regardless of age, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement in current law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3963

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 1, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblyman WAYNE P. DEANGELO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Rooney

SYNOPSIS

Delays mandatory retirement in SPRS when it would occur during period of state of emergency declared by the Governor.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/25/2020)

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

07/1/2020

TRENTON - Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

A-3919/S-2346 w/GR (Calabrese, Spearman, Murphy/Sarlo, Sweeney, Singleton, Bucco) Extends certain permits, approvals, and deadlines during COVID-19 emergency

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S-2499/A-4299 (Smith, Bateman/Meija, McKnight, McKeon) Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2021

A-4227/S-2558 (Coughlin, Quijano, Wimberly/Diegnan) Ensures insurance coverage for certain persons attending school graduation exercises in July and August of 2020

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A-3945/S-2430 (Murphy, Chaparro, Mukherji/Greenstein, Diegnan) Extends eligibility for accidental disability and accidental death benefits to certain PFRS, SPRS and PERS members who contract COVID-19 and test positive for SARS-CoV-2

S-2467/A-4215 (Pou, Addiego/Lopez, Pinkin, Freiman) Extends duration of certain laws pertaining to use of telemedicine and telehealth in relation to COVID-19 pandemic

S-2527/A-2636 (Sweeney/Jasey, Wimberly, Chaparro) Concerns online marketing of affordable housing units

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