

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Retirement
3 System; amending ss. 121.021 and 121.0515,
4 F.S.; including certain members employed as
5 Federal Aviation Administration-licensed pilots
6 authorized to provide mosquito control services
7 in the special risk class; providing
8 exceptions; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (15)
13 of section 121.021, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 121.021 Definitions.--The following words and phrases
15 as used in this chapter have the respective meanings set forth
16 unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

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18 (f) Effective July 1, 2002, the term "special risk
19 member" includes any member employed as a Federal Aviation
20 Administration-licensed pilot by a municipality, county,
21 special district, or state agency authorized to provide
22 mosquito control services whose duties include piloting for
23 the purpose of mosquito control treatment as set forth in s.
24 121.0515(2)(h).

25 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 121.0515, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added to subsection
27 (2) of said section, to read:

28 121.0515 Special risk membership.--

29 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--In creating the Special Risk
30 Class of membership within the Florida Retirement System, it
31 is the intent and purpose of the Legislature to recognize that

1 persons employed in certain categories of law enforcement,
2 firefighting, criminal detention, aviation, and emergency
3 medical care positions are required as one of the essential
4 functions of their positions to perform work that is
5 physically demanding or arduous, or work that requires
6 extraordinary agility and mental acuity, and that such
7 persons, because of diminishing physical and mental faculties,
8 may find that they are not able, without risk to the health
9 and safety of themselves, the public, or their coworkers, to
10 continue performing such duties and thus enjoy the full career
11 and retirement benefits enjoyed by persons employed in other
12 positions and that, if they find it necessary, due to the
13 physical and mental limitations of their age, to retire at an
14 earlier age and usually with less service, they will suffer an
15 economic deprivation therefrom. Therefore, as a means of
16 recognizing the peculiar and special problems of this class of
17 employees, it is the intent and purpose of the Legislature to
18 establish a class of retirement membership that awards more
19 retirement credit per year of service than that awarded to
20 other employees; however, nothing contained herein shall
21 require ineligibility for special risk membership upon
22 reaching age 55.

23 (2) CRITERIA.--A member, to be designated as a special
24 risk member, must meet the following criteria:

25 (h) The member must be employed as a Federal Aviation
26 Administration-licensed pilot by a municipality, county,
27 special district, or state agency authorized to provide
28 mosquito control services. The member's duties must include
29 piloting aircraft for the purpose of mosquito control
30 treatment. However, administrative support personnel,
31 including, but not limited to, those whose primary

1 responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and
2 personnel, shall not be included.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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6 HOUSE SUMMARY

7 Includes any member of the Florida Retirement System who
8 is employed as a Federal Aviation Administration-licensed
9 pilot by a municipality, county, special district, or
10 state agency authorized to provide mosquito control
11 services in the special risk class if the member's duties
12 include piloting aircraft for the purpose of mosquito
13 control treatment.
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