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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 104.040 and 104.160, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the highway patrol retirement system.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 104.040 and 104.160, RSMo, are repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 104.040 and 104.160, to
3 read as follows:

104.040. 1. Any member shall be entitled to creditable prior service
2 within the meaning of sections 104.010 to [104.270] **104.272** for all service in the
3 United States Army, Navy, or other armed services of the United States, or any
4 women's auxiliary thereof in time of active armed warfare, if such member was
5 a state employee immediately prior to his or her entry into the armed services
6 and became an employee of the state within ninety days after termination of such
7 service by an honorable discharge or release to inactive status; the requirement
8 of section 104.010 of duties during not less than one thousand hours for status
9 as an "employee" shall not apply to persons who apply for creditable prior service
10 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

11 2. Any member of the system who served as an employee prior to the
12 original effective date of sections 104.010 to [104.270] **104.272**, but was not an
13 employee on that date, shall be entitled to creditable prior service that such
14 member would have been entitled to had such member become a member of the
15 retirement system on the date of its inception if such member has, or hereafter
16 attains, one year of continuous membership service.

17 3. Any employee who completes one continuous year of creditable service

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

18 in the system shall receive credit for service with a state department, if such
19 service has not otherwise been credited.

20 4. Any member who had served in the armed forces of the United States
21 prior to becoming a member, or who is otherwise ineligible pursuant to subsection
22 1 of this section or other provisions of this chapter, and who became a member
23 after his or her discharge under honorable conditions may elect, prior to
24 retirement, to purchase all of his or her creditable prior service equivalent to such
25 service in the armed forces, but not to exceed four years, if the member is not
26 receiving and is not eligible to receive retirement credits or benefits from any
27 other public or private retirement plan for the service to be purchased, and an
28 affidavit so stating shall be filed by the member with the retirement
29 system. However, if the member is eligible to receive retirement credits in a
30 United States military service retirement system, the member shall be permitted
31 to purchase creditable prior service equivalent to his or her service in the armed
32 services, but not to exceed four years, any other provision of law to the contrary
33 notwithstanding. The purchase shall be effected by the member's paying to the
34 retirement system an amount equal to what would have been contributed by the
35 state in his or her behalf had the member been a member for the period for which
36 the member is electing to purchase credit and had his or her compensation during
37 such period of membership been the same as the annual salary rate at which the
38 member was initially employed as a member, with the calculations based on the
39 contribution rate in effect on the date of his or her employment with simple
40 interest calculated from date of employment from which the member could first
41 receive creditable service to the date of election pursuant to this subsection. The
42 payment shall be made over a period of not longer than two years, measured from
43 the date of election, and with simple interest on the unpaid balance. Payments
44 made for such creditable prior service pursuant to this subsection shall be treated
45 by the retirement system as would contributions made by the state and shall not
46 be subject to any prohibition on member contributions or refund provisions in
47 effect at the time of enactment of this subsection.

48 5. Any uniformed member of the highway patrol who served as a certified
49 police officer prior to becoming a member may elect, prior to retirement, to
50 purchase all of his or her creditable prior service equivalent to such service in the
51 police force, but not to exceed four years, if he or she is not receiving and is not
52 eligible to receive credits or benefits from any other public or private retirement
53 plan for the service to be purchased, and an affidavit so stating shall be filed by

54 the member with the retirement system. The purchase shall be effected by the
55 member's paying to the retirement system an amount equal to what would have
56 been contributed by the state in his or her behalf had he or she been a member
57 of the system for the period for which the member is electing to purchase credit
58 and had his compensation during such period been the same as the annual salary
59 rate at which the member was initially employed as a member, with the
60 calculations based on the contribution rate in effect on the date of his or her
61 employment with simple interest calculated from the date of employment from
62 which the member could first receive creditable service to the date of election
63 pursuant to the provisions of this section. The payment shall be made over a
64 period of not longer than two years, measured from the date of election, and with
65 simple interest on the unpaid balance. Payments made for such creditable prior
66 service pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be treated by the
67 retirement system as would contributions made by the state and shall not be
68 subject to any prohibition on member contributions or refund provisions in effect
69 at the time of enactment of this section.

70 6. Any [uniformed] member of the [highway patrol] **system under**
71 **section 104.030 or 104.170 who is an active employee and** who served as
72 a nonfederal full-time public employee in this state prior to becoming a member
73 may elect, prior to retirement, to purchase all of his or her creditable prior service
74 equivalent to such service, but not to exceed four years, if he or she is not
75 receiving and is not eligible to receive credits or benefits from any other public
76 plan for the service to be purchased[, and an affidavit so stating shall be filed by
77 the member with the retirement system]. The purchase shall be effected by the
78 member's paying to the retirement system an amount equal to what would have
79 been contributed by the state in his or her behalf had he or she been a member
80 of the system for the period for which the member is electing to purchase credit
81 and had his compensation during such period been the same as the annual salary
82 rate at which the member was initially employed as a member, with the
83 calculations based on the contribution rate in effect on the date of his or her
84 employment with simple interest calculated from the date of employment from
85 which the member could first receive creditable service to the date of election
86 pursuant to the provisions of this section. The payment shall be made over a
87 period of not longer than two years, measured from the date of election, and with
88 simple interest on the unpaid balance. Payments made for such creditable prior
89 service pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be treated by the

90 retirement system as would contributions made by the state and shall not be
91 subject to any prohibition on member contributions or refund provisions in effect
92 at the time of enactment of this section. **All purchase payments under this**
93 **subsection must be completed prior to retirement or prior to**
94 **termination of employment. If a member who purchased creditable**
95 **service under this subsection dies prior to retirement, the surviving**
96 **spouse may, upon written request, receive a refund of the amount**
97 **contributed for such purchase of such creditable service. The surviving**
98 **spouse shall not be eligible for a refund under this subsection if he or**
99 **she is entitled to survivorship benefits payable under section 104.140.**
100 **A member who is entitled to a deferred annuity under section 104.035**
101 **shall be ineligible to purchase service under this subsection.**

104.160. The board of trustees shall consist of three members of the state
2 highways and transportation commission elected by the members of the
3 commission. The superintendent of the highway patrol and the director of the
4 department of transportation shall serve as members by virtue of their respective
5 offices, and their successors shall succeed them as members of the board of
6 trustees. In addition, one member of the senate appointed by the president pro
7 tem of the senate and one member of the house of representatives, appointed by
8 the speaker of the house shall serve as members of the board of trustees. In
9 addition to the appointed legislators, two active employee members of the system
10 shall be elected by a plurality vote of the active employee members of the system,
11 herein designated for four-year terms to commence July 1, 1982, and every four
12 years thereafter. One elected member shall be elected from the active employees
13 of the department of transportation and one elected member shall be elected from
14 the active employees of the civilian or uniformed highway patrol. In addition to
15 the two active employee members, [one retired member] **two retirees** of the
16 system shall be elected to serve on the board by a plurality vote of the [retired
17 members] **retirees** of the system. [The retired member] **One retiree** shall be
18 elected by the retired employees of the transportation department and **one**
19 **retiree shall be elected by** the retired [members] **employees** of the civilian
20 or uniformed highway patrol. [The first retired member elected to the board shall
21 serve for a term which shall commence on January 1, 1993, and expire on June
22 30, 1994. Subsequently elected retired members shall serve for four-year terms
23 commencing on July 1, 1994, and every four years thereafter, which shall coincide
24 with the terms of the active employee members of the board.] **The retiree**

25 **serv**ing on the board on August 28, 2007, shall continue to serve on the
26 **board** as the representative of the retired employees of the
27 **transportation department until June 30, 2010. An election shall be**
28 **held prior to January 1, 2008, for the retiree to be elected by the**
29 **retired employees of the civilian or uniformed highway patrol with said**
30 **term to commence on January 1, 2008, and expire on June 30, 2010. All**
31 **terms of elected retired employees shall be for four years after June 30,**
32 **2010.** The board shall determine the procedures for nomination and election of
33 the elective board members. Nominations may be entered by any member of the
34 system, provided members of the system have a reasonable opportunity to vote.

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