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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 88, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§88- Registered professional nurses; service
5 retirement allowance not reduced. In addition to those
6 positions identified in section 88-74(1), and notwithstanding
7 any provision in this part that requires a member to attain age
8 fifty-five to qualify for an unreduced service retirement
9 allowance, if the member has at least twenty-five years of
10 credited service, of which the last ten or more years prior to
11 retirement is credited service as a registered professional
12 nurse, then upon retirement and irrespective of age, that
13 member's service retirement allowance shall not be reduced for
14 actuarial purposes."

15 SECTION 2. Section 88-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
17 and to read as follows:



- 1 "Registered professional nurse" means a person:
- 2 (1) Whose principal duty is to provide professional
- 3 nursing services as defined under chapter 457;
- 4 (2) Who is licensed to provide the services in paragraph
- 5 (1); and
- 6 (3) Who is designated as a registered professional nurse
- 7 pursuant to the classification of positions under
- 8 chapter 76."

9 SECTION 3. Section 88-281, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 10 amended to read as follows:

11 **"§88-281 Service retirement.** (a) A member who has ten
 12 years of credited service and has attained age sixty-two, or a
 13 member with thirty years credited service who has attained the
 14 age of fifty-five, shall become eligible to receive a retirement
 15 allowance after the member has terminated service.

16 (b) If a member has at least twenty-five years of credited
 17 service as a sewer worker or as a water safety officer of which
 18 the last five or more years prior to retirement is credited in
 19 such a capacity, then the sewer worker or water safety officer
 20 shall be eligible to receive a retirement benefit unreduced for
 21 age after the member has terminated service.

1 (c) A member who has twenty years of credited service and
2 has attained age fifty-five shall be eligible to receive an
3 early retirement allowance reduced for age after the member has
4 terminated service.

5 (d) A member who has ten years of credited service and
6 terminates service prior to attaining age sixty-two shall have a
7 vested right and shall be eligible to receive a retirement
8 allowance when the member has attained age sixty-five.

9 (e) If a member has at least thirty years of credited
10 service through June 30, 2003; twenty-nine years of credited
11 service on or after July 1, 2004; twenty-eight years of credited
12 service on or after July 1, 2005; twenty-seven years of credited
13 service on or after July 1, 2006; twenty-six years of credited
14 service on or after July 1, 2007; and twenty-five years of
15 credited service on or after July 1, 2008, as an emergency
16 medical technician, of which the last five or more years prior
17 to retirement is credited service in that capacity, the
18 emergency medical technician shall be eligible to receive a
19 retirement benefit unreduced for age after the member has
20 terminated service.

21 (f) If a member has at least twenty-five years of credited
22 service, of which the last ten or more years prior to retirement



1 is credited service as a registered professional nurse, the
 2 registered professional nurse shall be eligible to receive a
 3 retirement benefit unreduced for age after the member has
 4 terminated service.

5 [~~f~~] (g) A member may retire upon the written application
 6 to the board, specifying the desired date of retirement, which
 7 shall be not less than thirty days nor more than one hundred
 8 fifty days subsequent to the date of filing. Retirement shall
 9 be effective on the first day of a month, except for the month
 10 of December when retirement on the first or last day of the
 11 month shall be allowed."

12 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Employees Retirement System; Registered Professional Nurses

Description:

Establishes that certain registered professional nurses shall not have their service retirement allowances reduced for actuarial purposes upon retirement and shall not have their retirement benefits reduced for age after termination of service.

