

AN ACT

To require 10 years contributing membership service for retirement benefits; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Retirement Eligibility. The first sentence of 1 CMC § 8341 is hereby amended to read:

"Any Class I member who is at least 62 years of age and who has ten years of contributing membership service from May 7, 1989, may retire on a service retirement annuity upon written application to the Board of Trustees, except that employees of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands who were hired after October 1, 1980, but prior to May 7, 1989, and were 60 years of age or older on the hiring date may retire with three years of credited prior service."

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 11-62

Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

/s/ Jesus T. Attao
JESUS T. ATTAO
Acting Speaker
House of Representatives

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming
EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

Approved this 16th day of April, 1998.

/s/ Pedro P. Tenorio
PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands