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Proposed Bill No. 616

LCO No. 743

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:

SEN. KISSEL, 7th Dist.

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**AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEES
RETIREMENT FUND TO CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That, notwithstanding any provision of chapter 66 of the general
2 statutes concerning the State Employees Retirement Act, if a member
3 of tier II who is continuing to earn vesting service or who is on an
4 approved leave of absence, dies as a result of cessation of a live
5 support system six months or less prior to completion of age and
6 service requirements for retirement, the member's spouse, provided
7 they have been lawfully married for at least the twelve months
8 preceding the member's death, shall receive a lifetime income in an
9 amount equal to eighty per cent of the retirement income to which
10 such spouse would have been entitled if such member had reached
11 such age and service requirements. The spouse of any such member
12 who dies on or after January 1, 2002, may apply to the Connecticut
13 State Employees Retirement Commission for benefits in accordance
14 with this section. Such benefits shall be awarded retroactive to the date
15 of such member's death.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide retirement benefits to the spouse of an employee who dies six months or less prior to such employee's eligibility for retirement due to cessation of life support.