



Senate Bill No. 599

Public Act No. 08-90

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PRERETIREMENT SPOUSAL BENEFIT
UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.***

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

Section 1. Section 5-192r of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 66, if a member of tier II who is continuing to earn vesting service or who is on a leave authorized by the state or otherwise granted pursuant to the terms of the appropriate collective bargaining agreement, dies, on or after January 1, 2002, as a result of cessation of life support (1) not more than six months prior to completing the age and service requirements for retirement under section 5-192l, 5-192m or 5-192n, and (2) without completing twenty-five years of vesting service, such member's spouse, provided they have been lawfully married for at least the twelve months preceding the member's death, and upon application to the Retirement Commission, shall be entitled to receive a preretirement death benefit in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. Such benefit shall be awarded prospectively from the date of application to the commission.

Vetoed May 27, 2008