

CHAPTER 318

AN ACT concerning a pension benefit for certain survivors of certain members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The benefits payable upon receipt of proper proof of death of a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System in active service under section 9 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-9), as increased by P.L.1999, c.428, shall be paid to a widow or widower or child or parent, as appropriate, of a member who had 10 or more years of creditable service in the retirement system, who died in active service on or after June 1, 1995 and before January 1, 1998, and whose widow or widower had, on May 1, 2001, an appeal of a denial of an accidental death benefit pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-10) pending before the board of trustees of the retirement system, if the appeal before the board has been withdrawn or denied and an eligible beneficiary applies to the Division of Pensions and Benefits within 90 days following the effective date of P.L.2001, c.318 and subject to the return to the system of the member's aggregate contributions received by the beneficiary. The State shall be liable for all costs to the retirement system attributable to this section. The benefits provided in this section shall be paid prospectively only, in the manner provided by the division for the payment of such benefits generally.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 3, 2002.