

Email Message – July 30, 2025

TO: Certifying Officers – Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS), State Police Retirement System (SPRS), and Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS)

FROM: New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB)

SUBJECT: New Legislation Notice – P.L. 2025, c. 117

This notice is to advise that P.L. 2025, c. 117 (Chapter 117), removed the filing deadline for the *Eligibility Registration Form* for certain members and retirees of the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS), and the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) who are seeking an Accidental Disability retirement allowance for their participation in the rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations related to the 9/11 World Trade Center events.

In accordance with Chapter 157, the Bill Ricci World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery, and Cleanup Operations Act, and as amended by Chapter 117, eligible PFRS, SPRS, and certain PERS members or retirees must register their participation in the rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations at the World Trade Center site between September 11, 2001, and October 11, 2001. The *Eligibility Registration Form* allows the member or retiree to be considered for Accidental Disability under this law if the subsequent disability is due to participation in the rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations at the World Trade Center. Retirees who wish to request a recalculation of an existing retirement to an Accidental Disability retirement must also submit a *Request for Amended Benefits* form within 180 days of knowledge of a disability and its relation to the World Trade Center rescues, recovery, and cleanup operations. These forms are available on our website at www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions under “Pension Forms” from the “Publications” dropdown.

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