

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8162

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2024

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Capital Revi-
 5 talization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997
 6 Technical Corrections Act of 2024”.

7 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF PROGRAM OF BENEFITS PAID BY**
 8 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR SURVIVORS OF**
 9 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICE OFFICERS,**
 10 **FIREFIGHTERS, AND TEACHERS.**

11 (a) COVERAGE OF SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNERS
 12 UNDER SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BENEFITS
 13 PAID UNDER DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RETIREMENT PRO-
 14 GRAMS.—Section 11012 of the National Capital Revital-
 15 ization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997
 16 (sec. 1–803.02, D.C. Official Code) is amended by adding
 17 at the end the following new subsection:

18 “(g) COVERAGE OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS.—

19 “(1) COVERAGE.—For purposes of subsection
 20 (a), the determination of the entitlement of an indi-
 21 vidual to a benefit payment under a District Retire-
 22 ment Program shall be made as if the amendments

1 made by section 32 of the Omnibus Domestic Part-
2 nership Equality Amendment Act of 2008 (D.C.
3 Law 17–231) and the amendments made by section
4 2 of the Teachers, Police, and Firefighters Retirement
5 Benefits Amendment Act of 2018 (D.C. Law
6 22–215) had taken effect prior to the freeze date.

7 “(2) EXCLUSION OF UNRELATED PROVI-
8 SIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not apply to the amend-
9 ments made by subsections (b) and (e) of section 2
10 of the Teachers, Police, and Firefighters Retirement
11 Benefits Amendment Act of 2018.”

12 (b) APPLICATION OF SAME AGE LIMIT FOR TERMI-
13 NATION OF BENEFITS BY REASON OF REMARRIAGE
14 UNDER FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PRO-
15 GRAMS.—

16 (1) INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY DISTRICT RE-
17 TIREMENT PROGRAM.—Section 11012 of such Act
18 (sec. 1–803.02, D.C. Official Code), as amended by
19 subsection (a), is amended by adding at the end the
20 following new subsection:

21 “(h) APPLICATION OF AGE LIMIT UNDER FEDERAL
22 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAMS FOR TERMINATION
23 OF SURVIVOR BENEFIT BY REASON OF REMARRIAGE.—

24 “(1) LIMITATION ON TERMINATION OF BEN-
25 EFIT ON GROUNDS OF REMARRIAGE.—Except as

1 provided in paragraph (2), for purposes of sub-
2 section (a), the entitlement of an individual to a ben-
3 efit payment under a District Retirement Program
4 shall be determined as if, prior to the freeze date,
5 the entitlement to the benefit payment under the
6 Program did not terminate by reason of the remar-
7 riage of the individual.

8 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR SURVIVORS REMARRIED
9 BEFORE BECOMING 55 YEARS OF AGE.—Paragraph
10 (1) does not apply if the individual remarried before
11 becoming 55 years of age, unless the individual was
12 married for at least 30 years to the individual on
13 whose service the benefit payment is based.”.

14 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR SURVIVORS OF
15 JUDGES.—Section 11–1568(c), District of Columbia
16 Official Code, is amended in the matter following
17 paragraph (3) by striking “fifty-five years of age”
18 and inserting “fifty-five years of age, unless the
19 widow or widower was married to the judge for at
20 least 30 years”.

21 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 11003(6)
22 of such Act (sec. 1–801.02(6), D.C. Official Code) is
23 amended by striking “section 11012(e) and (f)” and in-
24 serting “section 11012(e), (f), (g), and (h)”.

1 **SEC. 3. ANNUITY DEPOSIT FOR CERTAIN SERVICE UNDER**
2 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RETIREMENT SYS-**
3 **TEM.**

4 Section 1905(a) of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 5
6 U.S.C. 8332 note) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “Qualifying”
8 and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (4),
9 qualifying”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(4) SERVICE DEPOSIT.—

12 “(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the
13 qualifying District of Columbia service of any
14 individual who makes a deposit under this para-
15 graph shall be taken into account for purposes
16 of computing the amount of any benefit payable
17 out of the Civil Service Retirement and Dis-
18 ability Fund under section 8348 of title 5,
19 United States Code.

20 “(B) Any individual—

21 “(i) who, pursuant to this section, has
22 qualifying District of Columbia service in-
23 cluded in calculating the individual’s cred-
24 itable service under section 8332, of title 5,
25 United States Code, may deposit an
26 amount equal to the product of the basic

1 pay received for that qualifying service
2 multiplied by the applicable percentage, or
3 percentages, in section 8334(c) of such
4 title, plus interest (computed in accordance
5 with section 8334(e) of such title); or

6 “(ii) who, pursuant to this section,
7 has qualifying District of Columbia service
8 included in calculating the individual’s
9 creditable service under section 8411 of
10 such title may deposit an amount equal to
11 1.3 percent of basic pay received for that
12 qualifying service, plus interest (computed
13 in accordance with section 8334(e) of such
14 title).

15 “(C) For the purpose of survivor annuities,
16 deposits authorized by this paragraph may be
17 made by a survivor of an individual described in
18 subparagraph (B)(i) or (B)(ii).

19 “(D) Any deposit made under this para-
20 graph shall be credited to the Civil Service Re-
21 tirement and Disability Fund.

22 “(E) The Office of Personnel Management
23 shall issue such regulations as may be necessary
24 to carry out this paragraph.”

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