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DISABILITY RETIREE'S SURVIVOR

House Bill 4784

Sponsor: Rep. Justine Barns

**Committee: Senior Citizens
and Retirement**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4784 AS INTRODUCED 5-02-91

Currently, under the Fire Fighters and Police Officers Retirement Act, a disabled member may elect to receive either a regular retirement pension, payable throughout the member's life, or a reduced pension, whereupon the member's spouse continues to receive a pension when the member dies. If the member elects to receive a reduced pension, he or she has two options to choose from. However, if a disabled member fails to elect an option before age 55, or before retirement, then the member's retirement allowance must be paid to the member as a regular disability pension, terminating at death. House Bill 4784 would amend the act to provide that the surviving spouse of a deceased disability retirant who was receiving a regular disability pension and who retired after December 31, 1991, would receive a survivor disability pension equal to 60 percent of the pension payable to the retirant at the time of death. In addition, if the disability retirant died before age 55, then his or her surviving spouse would receive a survivor disability pension equal to 60 percent of the pension payable to the retirant at the time of death.

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