HOUSE BILL No. 4133

February 9, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Ciaramitaro and Barns and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Retirement.

A bill to amend section 17j of Act No. 240 of the Public
Acts of 1943, entitled as amended
"State employees' retirement act,"
as added by Act No. 57 of the Public Acts of 1987, being section

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 17j of Act No. 240 of the Public Acts of

38.17; of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 17k.

- 2 1943, as added by Act No. 57 of the Public Acts of 1987, being
- 3 section 38.17j of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended and sec-
- 4 tion 17k is added to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 17j. (1) On and after the effective date of this
- 6 section JUNE 23, 1987, a member who is otherwise entitled to
- 7 purchase service credit under section 17q, 17h, or 17i, OR 17K
- 8 shall not purchase a combined total of more than 10 years of
- 9 service credit under those sections.

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1 (2) On and after the effective date of this section
2 JUNE 23, 1987, a member who under section 17c, 17e, 17f, 17g,
3 17h, 17i, 17K, or 18(2) is otherwise entitled to purchase service
4 credit may purchase such service credit in separate increments
5 equal to 1 or more full years, or a remaining fraction of a year,
6 if any, or both. Partial purchase of service credit under this
7 section shall not bar future -such purchases otherwise in com8 pliance with this section and the provisions of this act autho-

9 rizing the purchase, but computation of the amount of payment due

10 shall be made separately for each purchase.

11 (3) If a member who made payment under this section dies and 12 a retirement allowance is not payable or if the member leaves 13 service with the state before his or her retirement allowance 14 becomes effective, the payment made by the member shall be 15 refunded upon request to the member, to the person designated by 16 the member in writing to the board, or if a person is not desig-17 nated, then to the member's legal representative OR ESTATE. 18 SEC. 17K. (1) A MEMBER WHO IS OR WAS ABSENT FROM SERVICE 19 WITH THE STATE FOR PURPOSES OF APPROVED MEDICAL LEAVE, AND WHO 20 RETURNED OR RETURNS TO SERVICE WITH THE STATE, MAY PURCHASE SERV-21 ICE CREDIT FOR THE TIME PERIOD OR PERIODS DURING WHICH THE PERSON 22 WAS ABSENT FROM SERVICE WITH THE STATE BECAUSE OF APPROVED MEDI-23 CAL LEAVE, UPON PAYMENT TO THE BOARD OF AN AMOUNT THAT IS EQUAL 24 TO THE ACTUARIAL COST MULTIPLIED BY THE MEMBER'S FULL-TIME OR 25 EQUATED FULL-TIME FISCAL YEAR COMPENSATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN

26 WHICH PAYMENT IS MADE MULTIPLIED BY EACH YEAR AND FRACTION OF A

27 YEAR OF SERVICE TO BE PURCHASED, UP TO THE MAXIMUM. FOR THE

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- 1 PURPOSE OF COMPUTING PAYMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE
- 2 COMPENSATION AMOUNT USED SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE HIGHEST
- 3 FULL-TIME OR EQUATED FULL-TIME FISCAL YEAR COMPENSATION PREVI-
- 4 OUSLY RECEIVED BY THE MEMBER AS A MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM. THE
- 5 TOTAL SERVICE CREDITED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED 5
- 6 YEARS. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "APPROVED MEDICAL LEAVE"
- 7 MEANS THE PERIOD DURING WHICH A MEMBER IS ABSENT FROM SERVICE
- 8 BECAUSE OF A TEMPORARY PERSONAL INJURY OR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ILL-
- 9 NESS AS AUTHORIZED AND CERTIFIED BY THE MEMBER'S EMPLOYER.
- 10 (2) SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE
- 11 USED TO SATISFY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT
- 12 REQUIRED TO RECEIVE A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE UNDER THIS ACT.
- 13 (3) IF A MEMBER WHO MADE PAYMENT UNDER THIS SECTION DIES AND
- 14 A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IS NOT PAYABLE, OR IF THE MEMBER LEAVES
- 15 SERVICE WITH THE STATE BEFORE HIS OR HER RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE
- 16 BECOMES EFFECTIVE, THE PAYMENT MADE BY THE MEMBER SHALL BE
- 17 REFUNDED UPON REQUEST TO THE MEMBER, TO THE PERSON DESIGNATED BY
- 18 THE MEMBER IN WRITING TO THE BOARD, OR IF A PERSON IS NOT DESIG-
- 19 NATED, THEN TO THE MEMBER'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ESTATE.
- 20 Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect July 1, 21 1989.