



## 1995 SENATE BILL 603

March 7, 1996 - Introduced by Senator RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives BLACK, DOBYNS, BOYLE, TURNER, GRONEMUS and LORGE. Referred to Joint survey committee on Retirement Systems.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 40.02 (48) (am) and 40.02 (48) (c); and **to create** 40.02 (17) (m)  
2             and 40.65 (4v) of the statutes; **relating to:** classifying county coroners and  
3             deputy coroners as protective occupation participants for the purposes of the  
4             Wisconsin retirement system.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, participants under the Wisconsin retirement system (WRS) whose principal duties involve law enforcement or fire suppression or prevention and require frequent exposure to a high degree of danger or peril and a high degree of physical conditioning are classified as protective occupation participants. Current law specifically classifies police officers, fire fighters and various other individuals as protective occupation participants. Under the WRS, the normal retirement age of a protective occupation participant is lower than that of other participants and the percentage multiplier used to calculate retirement annuities is higher for protective occupation participants than for other participants.

This bill specifically classifies county coroners and deputy coroners as protective occupation participants for the purposes of the WRS.

This bill will be referred to the joint survey committee on retirement systems for a detailed analysis, which will be printed as an appendix to the bill.

For further information see the **state and local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

5             **SECTION 1.** 40.02 (17) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

1           40.02 (17) (m) Notwithstanding par. (d), each participant who is a county  
2 coroner or deputy coroner on or after the effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor  
3 inserts date], shall be granted creditable service as a protective occupation  
4 participant for all covered service as a county coroner or deputy coroner that was  
5 earned on or after the effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], but  
6 may not be granted creditable service as a protective occupation participant for any  
7 covered service as a county coroner or deputy coroner that was earned before the  
8 effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], unless that service was  
9 earned while the participant was classified under sub. (48) (a) and s. 40.06 (1) (d) as  
10 a protective occupation participant.

11           **SECTION 2.** 40.02 (48) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           40.02 (48) (am) “Protective occupation participant” includes any participant  
13 whose name is certified to the fund as provided in s. 40.06 (1) (d) and (dm) and who  
14 is a conservation warden, conservation patrol boat captain, conservation patrol boat  
15 engineer, conservation pilot, conservation patrol officer, forest fire control assistant,  
16 member of the state patrol, state motor vehicle inspector, police officer, fire fighter,  
17 sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, county coroner or deputy coroner, county traffic  
18 police officer, state forest ranger, fire watcher employed by the Wisconsin veterans  
19 home, state correctional-psychiatric officer, excise tax investigator employed by the  
20 department of revenue, special criminal investigation agent in the department of  
21 justice, assistant or deputy fire marshal, or person employed under s. 61.66 (1).

22           **SECTION 3.** 40.02 (48) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           40.02 (48) (c) In s. 40.65, “protective occupation participant” means a  
24 participating employe who is a police officer, fire fighter, an individual determined  
25 by a participating employer under par. (a) or (bm) to be a protective occupation

1 participant, county undersheriff, deputy sheriff, county coroner or deputy coroner,  
2 county traffic police officer, conservation warden, state forest ranger, field  
3 conservation employe of the department of natural resources who is subject to call  
4 for forest fire control or warden duty, member of the state traffic patrol, state motor  
5 vehicle inspector, university of Wisconsin system full-time police officer, guard or  
6 any other employe whose principal duties are supervision and discipline of inmates  
7 at a state penal institution, excise tax investigator employed by the department of  
8 revenue, person employed under s. 61.66 (1), or special criminal investigation agent  
9 employed by the department of justice.

10 **SECTION 4.** 40.65 (4v) of the statutes is created to read:

11 40.65 (4v) A county coroner or deputy coroner who becomes a protective  
12 occupation participant on or after the effective date of this subsection ... [revisor  
13 inserts date], is not entitled to a duty disability benefit under this section for an  
14 injury or disease occurring before the effective date of this subsection ... [revisor  
15 inserts date].

16 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

17 (1) This act takes effect on the January 1 after publication.

18 (END)