



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 99

February 6, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives PORTER, SILBAUGH, OWENS, WIRCH, RYBA, ZIEGELBAUER, BOYLE, KREUSER, MUSSER and DOBYNS, cosponsored by Senators ANDREA and MOEN. Referred to Joint survey committee on Retirement Systems.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 40.02 (17) (h); and **to create** 40.05 (2) (bx) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** protective occupation participant status under the Wisconsin
3 retirement system for state motor vehicle inspectors.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, participants in 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. 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.

Under current law, state motor vehicle inspectors are classified as protective occupation participants but may only receive credit as protective occupation participants for certain periods of employment, depending on their date of hire. State motor vehicle inspectors hired before 1968 receive credit as protective occupation participants for all of their years of employment as motor vehicle inspectors; in contrast, state motor vehicle inspectors hired on or after January 1, 1968, receive credit as protective occupation participants only for their years of employment as state motor vehicle inspectors on or after May 1, 1990.

This bill provides that state motor vehicle inspectors who are currently participating employees may receive credit as protective occupation participants for their years of employment as state motor vehicle inspectors between January 1, 1968, and May 1, 1990.

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 this bill.

