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AB-551 Disability retirement: COVID-19: presumption. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Bill No. 551

CHAPTER 741

An act to amend Section 7523.2 of the Government Code, relating to retirement.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 551, Rodriguez. Disability retirement: COVID-19: presumption.

Existing law, until January 1, 2023, establishes a disability retirement presumption that is applicable to the members of various public employee retirement systems who are employed in certain firefighter, public safety officer, and health care job classifications, among others, who test positive for COVID-19, as specified. Existing law requires, if the member retires for disability on the basis, in whole or in part, of a COVID-19-related illness, that it be presumed that the disability arose out of, or in the course of, the member's employment, unless rebutted.

This bill would extend the operation of the provisions described above until January 1, 2024.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 7523.2 of the Government Code is amended to read:

7523.2. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.