

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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JUDICIARY

BILL NO. 32-0102

Thirty-Second Legislature of the Virgin Islands

May 19, 2017

An Act to repeal provisions that allow persons who are receiving a retirement annuity from the Government Employees' Retirement System to return to work for the Government of the Virgin Islands without making contributions to the GERS

PROPOSED BY: Senator Sammuel Sanes

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Section 10 of Act No. 6110 and section 25 of Act No. 6463 are repealed.

SECTION 2. Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 3, subsection (e) is amended by striking “not” and “restrictions”.

SECTION 3. The Government Employees' Retirement System shall cancel the annuity payments of all retirees who have reentered Government service pursuant to section 25 of Act No. 6463, section 10 of Act No. 6110 or pursuant to title 23 V.I.C. § 3, subsection (c) and who remain in Government service after the effective date of this Act. Any such Government employee who remains in Government service 30 days after the effective date of this act shall again begin to contribute to the System pursuant to 3 V.I.C. § 706(c).

SECTION 4. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 703 is amended by re-designating the affected subsections and inserting a new subsection (f) that reads:

“(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, a person who reenters government service may elect not to be a member of the System if the person is 60 years of age or older and is not receiving a retirement annuity from the System.”

SECTION 5. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 28A, section 752 is amended by re-designating the affected subsections and inserting a new subsection (g) that reads:

“(g) Notwithstanding subsection (b), any person who reenters Government service may elect not to be a member of the System if the person is 60 years of age or older and is not receiving a retirement annuity from the System.”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill repeal several provisions that allowed Government retirees to return to work for the Government of the Virgin Islands without making contributions to the GERS and further provides that if they remain in Government service 30 days after the effective date of the act, they must again begin to contribute to the System pursuant to 3 V.I.C. § 706(c).

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