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Honorable Sheldon Silver Speaker, New York State Assembly 932 Legislative Office Building Albany, New York 12248

Dear Speaker Silver,

I am pleased to submit the 2013 Annual Report of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Employees.

My priority as Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Employees has been to act on legislation that improves the working conditions for our state and municipal workforces while ensuring that we act in a fiscally responsible manner.

This annual report will provide greater details on the accomplishments of the Committee and report on the various other proposals considered by the Committee this year.

I thank all the Committee members and staff for their dedication and attention to the needs of our State's public employees. Additionally, I thank the public employee unions and their representatives and the many government officials whose input on legislation has been, and is, invaluable.

I thank you for your guidance and support which were instrumental to the accomplishments of the Committee during the 2013 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

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<u>Summary</u>

The Assembly Standing Committee on Governmental Employees is responsible for legislation pertaining to civil service law and the public pension systems. Examples of civil service legislation include proposals relating to the rights of governmental employees, such as disciplinary proceedings, transfers and layoffs, the right to organize collective bargaining units, and the ratification of collective bargaining agreements. Proposals amending the public pension systems affect public employees' retirement and disability benefits, qualification for such benefits, and the governing structure of the retirement systems.

During the 2013 Session, 254 legislative proposals were referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees. The Committee reported 51 bills. Of those proposals, 39 passed both Houses. Of those 29 were chaptered and 10 were vetoed.

2013 CHAPTERS

A.2296 (Abbate) – Chapter 3

Chapter 3 of the Laws of 2013 changes the assumed rate of return on investments of the New York City Retirement System from eight percent to seven percent annually. The seven percent rate, applicable to employer contributions due for fiscal years 2011-12 through 2015-16, replace the current eight percent valuation rate scheduled to expire on June 30, 2012. This bill would extend the statutory rate of interest credited to certain New York City Retirement Systems members' accounts, and allow funds to be transferred from the contingent reserve fund of the New York City Retirement Systems or New York City police Pension Fund if the assets of certain variable supplements funds (VSF) are not sufficient to pay for such VSF benefits. Finally, it cancels remaining installments of unfunded accrued liability calculated under current law and establishes a new methodology of calculating and financing unfunded accrued liability in the future.

A.4982 (Brook-Krasny) – Chapter 436

This chapter allows the annual convention of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System to be held in either the month of October or November.

A.5576-B (Markey) – Chapter 196

This chapter increases the cost of living escalation by one percentage for a widow or widower of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

In the past, the legislature has passed legislation to increase the cost of living for the special accidental death benefit and extend the escalation for New York State widows or widowers for police officers and firefighters to an amount that reflects the current economy. In order to adequately provide benefits to these widows and widowers the State must accommodate benefits to the current economic climate and inflation rate. This chapter brings benefit rates in line with the current cost of living.

A.6575 (Abbate) – Chapter 244

This chapter expands the definition of police officer to include officers hired by the Department of Environmental Conservation, so that these officers are held to the same age, height, weight,

physical fitness, educational requirements, and requirement that the person be of good moral character and standard as other police officers.

A.6868 (Abbate) – Chapter 72

This chapter extends provisions related to compulsory arbitration to resolve impasses between the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), MTA New York City Transit or the MTA Bridges and Tunnels and employee organizations until July 1, 2015. These provisions were scheduled to expire on July 1, 2013.

A.6869 (Abbate) – Chapter 73

Injunctive relief was enacted by chapter 695 of the laws of 1994. This chapter provides an expedited method to resolve improper practice cases in the public sector where there was deemed to be immediate and irreparable harm. Injunctive relief may be granted by the court, if it determines that there is reasonable cause to believe an improper practice has occurred. Since it took effect in 1995, it has enabled labor and management to resolve numerous issues.

The purpose of this chapter is to continue to permit public employees to seek injunctive relief for unfair labor practices by extending injunctive relief provisions from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

A.7586 (Abbate) – Chapter 453

This chapter authorizes fewer than 15 members of the soon to be defunct SUNY NY Network, who are moving on to position in the Office of General Services, to maintain membership in the optional retirement system.

A.7631 (Abbate) - Chapter 376

This chapter amends Civil Service Law by expanding the definition of "killed in the line of duty" to include deaths as a result of the attacks on The World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

This chapter allows additional civil service credits for children and siblings of deceased firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics killed in the line of duty or in the performance of duty as the natural and proximate result of the World Trade Center attack, or as a result of participation in the rescue effort.

A.7125 (Abbate) – Chapter 484

This chapter allows members of the Nassau County Sheriff's Department-Division of Correction who, because of the reduction of workforce, consolidation or abolition of function, curtailment of activities or otherwise, positions in the competitive-class are abolished or reduced in rank or salary grade, the reduction shall be predicted upon original appointment on a permanent basis in the grade or title in the service of the Nassau County Sheriff's Department Division of Corrections.

A.7803 (Abbate) – Chapter 489

This chapter addresses the limitations in existing disability provisions intended to protect public employees who suffered injuries or illnesses associated with the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, survivor rescue, and recovery and cleanup operations.

A.4983-A (Abbate) – Chapter 520

This chapter clarifies the maximum salary which may be used to calculate the ordinary death benefit of members of the public retirement systems of the state.

A.6578- A (Abbate) – Chapter 522

This chapter provides certain NYS Transit Employees of the NYC Employees' Retirement System (NYCERS) a refund of Additional Member Contributions (AMCs) that were paid while participants in one of the Chapter 96 of the Laws of 1995 Retirement Programs.

<u>A.6942 (Abbate) – Chapter 523</u>

This chapter allows larger lump sum payments to be made under the partial lump sum payment program for eligible members of the New York State and local police and fire retirement system.

A.7914 (Abbate) – Chapter 544

This chapter allows all employees of the Division of State Police the opportunity to directly contribute the NYS Troopers PEA Signal 30 Fund Inc. and/or New York State Police Investigators Association Emergency Assistance Fund, Inc., through the use of a payroll deduction.

A.481 (Magnarelli) – Chapter 547

This chapter requires the Department of Financial Services to provide New York State Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP) participants with information relating to benefits, claims and premium payments on a quarterly basis. This bill would make NYSHIP more transparent for participating employers and local governments.

Pension & Civil Service Legislation for Individuals

The following laws pertain to certain New York State Civil Service employees and members of New York State Retirement Systems. In these cases legislative action must occur to allow these members into certain retirement plans and eligibility into competitive examinations and fields of employment.

Chapter 105 – A.1852-A (Magnarelli) / S.4201 (Ritchie) – This chapter James DiFulio, of the Village of Solvay, exemption from the age requirements of Civil Service Law Section 58 so that he will be eligible to take the exam for the position of full-time patrolman, subject to him receiving a qualifying score and that he meets that merit and fitness requirements of the civil service law for fulltime police officers.

Chapter 142 – A.6686 (Tenney) / S.3775 (Larkin) – Under Section 58 of Civil Service Law, statute patrol officers who exceed 35 years of age cannot serve fulltime, this chapter permits Officers Brian Briere, James Coscette, Joseph Feola and Curt McDermott to be eligible to take the examination for fulltime police officer in the in the Village of Montgomery.

Chapter 185 – A2888 (Magee) / S.2587 (Valesky) – This chapter grants Sarah Fish, a social worker from Madison County, retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. Due to an administrative error her application was filed late, making her application not valid for the Tier IV deadline. This chapter corrects the administrative error.

Chapter 193 - A.4963 (Stec) / S.3182 (Little) – This chapter authorizes the town of Ticonderoga to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to police officer Dale W. Quesnel, Jr. The town has agreed to bear the cost of implementing this legislation.

Chapter 206 – A.6687 (Lifton) / S.4662 (O'Mara) – This chapter authorizes the City of Ithaca firefighter James Crowley to enroll in the optional twenty-year service retirement plan, in which he was previously unable to enroll due to an administrative error.

Chapter 245 – A.1968-A (Oaks) / S.1895-A (Nozzolio) - Although current statute prohibits patrol officers who exceed 35 years of age from serving fulltime, this chapter permits Officer Brian M. Ritchie fulltime employment in the Village of Lyons competitive position of police officer, pending a merit and fitness examination.

Chapter 262 – A.6504 (McLaughlin) / S.4389 (Marchione) - This chapter authorizes John R. Panichi, a deputy sheriff in Rensselaer County, the option to join the special retirement plan for sheriffs, undersheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

Chapter 273 – A.7045 (Curran) / S.4800 (Skelos) - This chapter authorizes the Town of Rockville Center police officer Nor Firoz to enroll in the optional twenty-year service retirement plan, in which he was unable to participate in through no negligence of his own.

Chapter 288 – A.7576 (Jordan) / S.5140 (Little) - This chapter allows the village of Hudson to offer a 20 year retirement plan to police officer Brandon Kommer, who for reasons not due to his own negligence, was not enrolled in this plan.

Chapter 293 – A.4842 (Katz) / S.5207 (Ball) - This chapter allows Nancy Dwyer of Southeast, Putnum County, Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System.

Chapter 291 – A.7300 (Oaks) / S.5143 (Nozzolio) - This chapter authorizes the village of Lyons police officer to enroll in the optional twenty-year service retirement plan, in which he was previously unable to enroll due to an administrative error.

Chapter 295 – A.7030 (Abinanti) / S.5239 (Ball) - This chapter authorizes the Town of Sleepy Hollow police officers Raymond D'Alessandro and James Warren to enroll in the optional twenty-year service retirement plan, in which they were previously unable to enroll due to an administrative error.

Chapter 296 – A.7398 (Thiele) / S.5266 (Lavalle) - This chapter allows the village of Quogue to reopen the provisions of the optional retirement plan to police officer Robert J. Hammel who by no negligence of his own, was not enrolled in this plan.

Chapter 308 – A.7694 (Palmesano) / S.56112 (O'Mara) – This chapter allows the village of Watkins Glen to offer a 20 year retirement plan to police officer Stephan Cronin, who for reasons not due to his own negligence, was not enrolled in this plan.

Noteworthy Committee Legislation

Civil Service Protections

During the 2013 Legislative Session, the Assembly passed legislation that would:

- provide equal reduction in force and recall provisions to permanently appointed employees in the competitive, non-competitive, and labor jurisdictional classification at all levels of state and local government (A.6574 / Abbate Passed Assembly);
- provide employees in labor class positions at all levels of state and local government bump and retreat rights (A.7218 / Abbate Passed Assembly); and
- provide that qualified police officers of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey be designated as detectives (A.7017 / Abbate Passed Assembly).

Worker Health and Safety

The Assembly has supported many measures to increase workplace safety and promote the health and wellbeing of current and retired civil service employees. In 2013, the Assembly passed legislation that:

- would ensure that police and firefighters employed by bi-State authorities and agencies are covered under health and safety standards for public employees (A.6579 / Abbate – Veto 263); and
- implement the recommendations of the "911 Task Force" to address limitations in existing disability laws that were intended to protect public employees who suffer injuries or illnesses as a result of their participation in rescue, recovery and cleanup directly related to the terrorist attacks of September Eleventh (7803-A / Abbate Chapter 489).

Fair Wages

Each year, in recognition of the fact that true equity in compensation has not been achieved between employees of different genders, races or nationalities; the Assembly has passed the Pay Equity legislative package. This very important series of bills included legislation which:

- assures that public employees of municipalities will be paid equally for work of equivalent value regardless of sex, race or national origin (A.1729 / Jaffee Passed Assembly);
- assures that state employees (A.753 / Rosenthal Passed Assembly) will be paid equally for work of equivalent value regardless of sex, race or national origin; and,
- directs the president of the state civil service commission to study and publish a report evaluating the existence of wage disparities related to job titles segregated by sex, race and/or national origin in public service (A.881 / Lifton Passed Assembly).

The Committee stands firm on the principle that all workers should be compensated fairly and without bias.

Uniformed Employee Benefits

Uniformed public employees, such as police officers and firefighters, perform work that is critical to public safety, yet dangerous to their own wellbeing. The Committee recognizes the sacrifices made by these individuals and therefore supports an enhanced benefit structure, including an earlier retirement age than civilian employees, and an increased accidental disability or death benefit for beneficiaries.

During the 2012 – 13 Legislative Session, the Committee continued to support the altruistic efforts of uniformed professionals with noteworthy legislation, including:

• A.7630-A (Abbate/ Veto 268), which provides sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, under sheriffs and correction officers a 75 percent disability benefit for injuries sustained in the performance of their duties.

APPENDIX A

ALL BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR IN 2013

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APPENDIX B

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A.753	Rosenthal This bill would implement a policy of compensating employees in state service equally for work of comparable value by eliminating wage inequality in job titles which have been segregated by sex, race, or national origin.	Passed Assembly
A.881	Lifton – The bill would direct the president of the Civil Service Commission to develop a method for determining equivalent value of work and to publish a report evaluating wage disparities among public employers in an effort to address any inequalities in job titles based on sex, race, or national origin.	Passed Assembly
A.1729	Jaffee This bill would require local civil service administrations to report to the president of the Civil Service Commission with a list of segregate job titles and any wage disparities that may exist. This bill also requires local administrations to correct any wage disparities that exist.	Passed Assembly
A.1852-A	Magnarelli – This authorizes James DiFulio to take the competitive civil service examination and to be placed on the eligible list for appointment as a full-time police officer for the village of Solvay, county of Onondaga;	Chapter 105
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A.6183	Pretlow – This bill would authorizes the city of Mount Vernon to offer certain retirement options to Christopher Grieco, Wendell Griffin, Patsy Leone and Jeremy Villanueva, police officers employed by such city.	Passed Assembly
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A.6914	Rosenthal – This bill would authorize noncontributory retirement service credit for members of the New York City retirement systems called to military duty on or after September 11, 2001. Currently, other State, municipal and school district employees may receive this credit if he/she served on or after September 11, 2001.	Passed Assembly
A.6942	Abbate This chapter allows larger lump sum payments to be made under the partial lump sum payment program for eligible members of the New York State and local police and fire retirement system.	Chapter 523
A.7017	Abbate – This bill would provide that police officers of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey who are assigned the duties of a detective shall, whenever such assignment to the duties of a detective exceeds a cumulative period of eighteen months has demonstrated fitness for the position and may be permanently designated as a detective and receive the compensation ordinarily paid such persons in such designation.	Passed Assembly
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A.7478-A	Santabarbara – This bill would allow Joel Lochner to join the optional twenty year retirement plan, city of Amsterdam, county of Montgomery.	Passed Assembly
A.7457	McDonald – This bill would authorize Kirsten Mason, Laura Strizzi, Christian Ward and Austin Horton retroactive tier membership in Tier V of the New York State Local Retirement System.	Veto 232
A.7458-A	McDonald – This bill would authorize Brain Stebbins retroactive tier membership in Tier IV of the New York State Local Retirement System.	Veto 230
A.7459-A	McDonald – This bill would authorize Jill Mix, Chris Karwiel, Jessica Snizzi and Taryn Ward retroactive tier membership in Tier IV of the New York State Local Retirement System.	Veto 231
A.7576	Jordan This chapter allows the village of Hudson to offer a 20 year retirement plan to police officer Brandon Kommer, who for reasons not due to his own negligence, was not enrolled in this plan.	Chapter 288
A.7586	Abbate This chapter authorizes fewer than 15 members of the soon to be defunct SUNY NY	Chapter 453

	Network, who are moving on to position in the Office of General Services, to maintain membership in the optional retirement system	
A.7630-A	Abbate This bill would provide sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, under sheriffs and correction officers a performance of disability benefit of 75 percent of the worker's final average salary for injuries sustained in the performance of their duties.	Veto 268
A.7631	Abbate This chapter allows additional civil service credits for children and siblings of deceased firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics killed in the line of duty or in the performance of duty as the natural and proximate result of the World Trade Center attack, or as a result of participation in the rescue effort.	Chapter 376
A.7694	Palmesano – This chapter allows the village of Watkins Glen to offer a 20 year retirement plan to police officer Stephan Cronin, who for reasons not due to his own negligence, was not enrolled in this plan.	Chapter 308
A.7803	Abbate This chapter addresses the limitations in existing disability provisions intended to protect public employees who suffered injuries or illnesses associated with the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, survivor rescue, and recovery and cleanup operations.	Chapter 489
A.7822	Abbate – This legislation would allow all Tier V members of the New York State police and fire retirement system to opt into the optional twenty- year retirement plan.	Veto 280
A.7862	Abbate The bill would allow State University police officers to transfer to the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System to participate in a special plan with a twenty-five year half pay retirement benefit, In addition, the bill grants State university police officers parity with other police officers by allowing them to laterally transfer to certain police forces or departments.	Passed Assembly
A.7914	Abbate This chapter allows all employees of theDivision of State Police the opportunity to directlycontribute the NYS Troopers PEA Signal 30 Fund	Chapter 544

Inc. and/or New York State Police Investigators	
Association Emergency Assistance Fund, Inc.,	
through the use of a payroll deduction.	

2013 SUMMARY SHEET

FINAL ACTION	ASSEMBLY <u>BILLS</u>	SENATE <u>BILLS</u>	TOTAL <u>BILLS</u>
Bills Reported With or Without Amendment			
To Floor; not returning to Committee	9		9
To Ways and Means	48		48
To Codes	5		5
To Rules	7		7
To Judiciary	0		0
Total	69		69
Bills having Committee Reference Changed			
To Codes	0		0
To Ways and Means	7		7
Total	7		7
Senate Bills Substituted or Recalled			
Substituted		6	6
Recalled		0	0
Total		6	6
Bills Defeated in Committee		0	0
Bills Never Reported, Held in Committee	170	17	170
Bills Having Enacting Clauses Stricken	5	0	5
Motion to Discharge Lost	0	0	0
TOTAL BILLS IN COMMITTEE	254	23	277
Total Number of Committee Meetings Held	1		