



## Louisiana State Police Retirement System (LSPRS)

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We are pleased to announce the passage of Senate Bill 7, now ACT No. 289, providing a permanent benefit increase to qualifying LA State Police Retirement System retirees and survivors. With the leadership of Senator Price, along with many other legislators and their staff who kindly provided valuable insight and direction, coupled with the guidance and assistance of the LSPRS Board of Trustees, dedicated staff, and actuaries, Senate Bill 7 successfully traversed the legislative process, resulting in the bill being graciously signed into law by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 10, 2022.

Act No. 289 provides a benefit increase of 2% to qualifying beneficiaries of the Louisiana State Police Retirement System through the Experience Account (La. R.S. 11:1332). Additionally, Act No. 289 provides a supplemental increase of 2% to specified beneficiaries.

In summary, the Act provides a 2% permanent benefit increase to:

- Any Retiree who meets all of the following criteria:
  - has received a benefit for at least one year by June 30, 2022
  - has attained the age of 60 by June 30, 2022
  
- Nonretiree beneficiaries, not based on the death of a disability retiree, who meet all of the following criteria:
  - benefits have been paid to the retiree (contributing member) or the beneficiary for at least one year as of June 30, 2022
  - the contributing member would have attained the age of 60 by June 30, 2022
  
- Any disability retiree, or person who receives a benefit from the LSPRS based on the death of a disability retiree on or before June 30, 2021.
  
- Any person who receives a survivor benefit from the LSPRS based on the member's death in the line of duty on or before as of June 30, 2021.

The Act also provides for a 2% supplemental benefit increase to:

- Any Retiree or beneficiary who meets all of the following criteria:
  - has attained the age of 65 by June 30, 2022
  - retired on or before June 30, 2001

The permanent benefit increase is to be paid from the Experience Account. As prescribed by law, the increase shall only be paid based on the first \$68,312 of an individual's benefit.

The LSPRS Staff is diligently reviewing ACT No. 289, our retiree and beneficiary records, and working with our retirement benefit analysts and actuary so we may effectuate the prescribed benefit increase on July 31, 2022.

The above is a summary, while the permanent benefit increase is determined by ACT No. 289, which may be accessed via the following hyperlink.

[Hyperlink to ACT No. 289](#)

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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