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# ***SUPPORT***

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The New York State Public Employees Federation, representing 59,000 Professional, Scientific, and Technical workers of New York State, supports this legislation.

This bill creates an improved performance of duty disability retirement plan for peace officers and police officers in the Department of Taxation and Finance, who are injured during the course of their duties and can no longer work. The bill also creates a presumption that the development of certain diseases and disabling conditions occurred in the line of duty under certain conditions. These benefits are similar to those that exist for many other law enforcement officers.

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is responsible for enforcing criminal laws that relate to taxes including taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, gasoline and sales and use taxes. The Department employs law enforcement professionals who are authorized under the Criminal Procedure Law to exercise the powers of police officers and peace officers in enforcing these tax laws. Their duties include criminal investigations, serving warrants, and making arrests. These duties expose them to the same risks as other law enforcement officers and they must maintain similar levels of physical fitness to perform their duties. They should therefore be granted the same type of pension plan as that offered to other law enforcement professionals.

For these reasons, the Public Employees Federation urges you to support this legislation.

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