

A bill for an act

relating to retirement; general state employees retirement plan of the Minnesota State Retirement System; providing an exception to a disability benefit application deadline.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **MSRS-GENERAL; EXCEPTION TO DISABILITY BENEFIT APPLICATION DEADLINE.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of Minnesota Statutes, section 352.113, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), to the contrary, an eligible person described in paragraph (b) is entitled to file a disability benefit application with the general state employees retirement plan of the Minnesota State Retirement System and, if otherwise qualified under Minnesota Statutes, section 352.113, receive a disability benefit from the retirement plan.

(b) An eligible person is a person who:

(1) was born on March 8, 1966;

(2) was an employee of the Minnesota Veterans Home at Silver Bay, Minnesota;

(3) terminated state employment on July 25, 2007;

(4) attempted to apply for a disability benefit in February 2008;

(5) had a request to apply for a disability benefit denied by the executive director of the Minnesota State Retirement System on April 3, 2008;

(6) appealed the executive director's decision to the Minnesota State Retirement System board of directors on April 24, 2008; and

(7) had the appeal to the Minnesota State Retirement System board of directors denied on August 4, 2008.

(c) This section expires on June 1, 2010.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.