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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 2289

03/09/2017 Authored by Dettmer The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to retirement; public employees police and fire plan; extending the disability
1.3 benefit application deadline for certain city of Minneapolis police officers.

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

1.5 Section 1. PERA-P&F; DISABILITY BENEFIT APPLICATION DEADLINE
1.6 EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICERS.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 353.031 or 353.656,
1.8 to the contrary, an eligible person described in paragraph (b) is authorized to file an
1.9 application for a disability benefit from the public employees police and fire retirement
1.10 plan.

1.11 (b) An eligible person is a person who:

1.12 (1) was born on March 15, 1972;

1.13 (2) was initially employed as a police officer by the city of Minneapolis on March 25,
1.14 1996;

1.15 (3) was a member of the public employees police and fire retirement plan;

1.16 (4) resigned from the city of Minneapolis police department on June 24, 2014; and

1.17 (5) failed to apply for a duty-related disability benefit within the required 18-month time
1.18 period following termination of covered employment.

1.19 (c) If the eligible person files a disability benefit application, they must file the application
1.20 and submit evidence, within 60 days of the effective date of this section, to the executive
1.21 director of the Public Employees Retirement Association demonstrating that at the time of

2.1 termination of service that person would have been entitled to receive a duty disability
2.2 benefit under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.656, if the person had applied for that benefit.

2.3 (d) If the Public Employees Retirement Association determines that the eligible person
2.4 is entitled to receive a duty disability benefit under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.656,
2.5 the eligible person is entitled to retroactive benefit payments from June 24, 2014.

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