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Dear LBA member,

I am pleased to report that Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has signed the "Guaranteed Pension after 20 Years of Service" bill into LAW!

This new law amends the New York City Administrative Code to protect uniformed police and fire officers, with 20 or more years of service, from losing their pensions if they are fired. The exception to this protection is if the member is convicted under the laws of New York State for a felony, or the laws of another state of an offense, if committed in the State of New York, that would be a felony.

This pension guarantee has NO added cost to the taxpayers and was submitted to protect members and their families from the loss of vested retirement benefits that they have contributed to for a minimum of twenty years. The new law does not provide protection for members with less than twenty years of service and in NO way impairs the Police Commissioner's authority to terminate a member for serious work rule infractions.

Special thanks for passage of this Guaranteed Pension Law belong to City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn – who orchestrated a “home rule” message by the New York City Council; New York State Senator Dean G. Skelos, whose “Committee on Rules” introduced the Bill in the Senate (where it passed by a vote of 61 to 1) and New York State Assemblyman Peter Abbate, who introduced the Bill in the Assembly (where it passed by a vote of 128 to 14). Additional thanks belong to LBA Legislative Director – Chris Heimgartner who was instrumental in acquiring this important protection for our members.

Fraternally,

Tom Sullivan

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