

Memorandum # 28/2004

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director

RE: New Notice of Potential Benefits Pursuant to G.L. c. 32, \S 4(1)(h) Form

DATE: July 20, 2004

As a result of Chapter 116 of the Acts of 2004, enclosed please find a new *Notice of Potential Benefits Pursuant to G.L. c. 32, § 4(1)(h)* form. This form includes the new definition of "veteran" to be used to determine if a member is able to purchase military service credit. Chapter 116 is effective on August 30, 2004.

Boards should keep in mind that an individual must be a member in service in order to purchase military service credit. The act does not contain any retroactive provisions for retired or inactive members. Boards are also reminded that National Guard and reserve service continues to be purchased on a five year of such service to one year of creditable service basis.

We trust the foregoing is of assistance. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact this office.