



Office of the County Executive Monroe County Legislature

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

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Subject: Home Rule Message for Assembly Bill No. A.6279 Entitled "AN ACT to authorize the granting of retirement service credit in the optional twenty year retirement plan to Duane A. Palma for service as a correction officer"

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.

We recommend that Your Honorable Body adopt a Home Rule Message in regard to the above bill that will authorize Monroe County to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to Deputy Duane A. Palma of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol.

Deputy Palma is currently employed as a Road Patrol Deputy in the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. He began his career in the Monroe County Jail Bureau. He has over twenty years of law enforcement experience, serving in multiple police agencies, including the Jail Bureau. Other members of his employment tier have successfully applied credit in the Jail Bureau plan towards the 20-year retirement plan. Deputy Palma anticipated that he would receive the same treatment. For reasons not ascribable to his own negligence, Deputy Palma was denied credit time for his service. This bill allows Deputy Palma the option of receiving full credit for the jail bureau service time in the 20-year retirement plan to rectify this error.

The specific legislative action required is to adopt a Home Rule Message for Assembly Bill No. A.6279 Entitled "AN ACT to authorize the granting of retirement service credit in the optional twenty year retirement plan to Duane A. Palma for service as a correction officer"

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5 (c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Adoption of this Home Rule Message will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget. If this bill becomes law, this bill will not increase the County's future annual contribution to the pension system according to the fiscal note prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller. There will be an immediate past service cost of approximately \$160,000, which would be borne by the County as a one-time payment. This estimate assumes that payment will be made on February 1, 2026. If the County elects to amortize this cost over a five-year period, the cost for each year including interest would be \$35,900.

We recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Monroe County Executive



Dave Long
Monroe County Legislature
Public Safety, Chairman



Paul Dondorfer
Monroe County Legislature
Public Safety, Ranking Member