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A bill for an act

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relating to retirement; public employees police and fire retirement plan;

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modifying the disability benefit application deadline for certain former Wadena

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County sheriff's deputies.

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

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Section 1. **PERA-POLICE AND FIRE; DISABILITY BENEFIT APPLICATION**

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**DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN WADENA COUNTY SHERIFF'S**

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**DEPUTIES.**

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(a) Notwithstanding any provision of Minnesota Statutes, section 353.031 or

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353.656 to the contrary, an eligible person described in paragraph (b) is authorized to file

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an application for a disability benefit from the public employees police and fire retirement

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plan retroactively from the date of a shooting event in which the person was involved

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on March 11, 2006.

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(b) An eligible person is a person who:

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(1) was born on August 11, 1971;

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(2) was initially employed as a deputy sheriff by Wadena County on March 9, 2006;

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(3) was, by virtue of law enforcement employment, a member of the public

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employees police and fire retirement plan;

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(4) was involved in the nonfatal shooting incident of a gun-wielding suspect near

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Sebelia, Minnesota, on March 11, 2006, without being physically injured;

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(5) resigned from the Wadena County sheriff's department in October 2010 after

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being treated for mental health issues for the prior six months; and

2.1 (6) failed to apply for a mental health-related disability benefit by the November 11,  
2.2 2007, deadline for applying for a disability benefit from the public employees police and  
2.3 fire retirement plan based on the March 11, 2006, shooting incident.

2.4 (c) If the eligible person files a disability benefit application under paragraph (a)  
2.5 on or before the expiration date specified in paragraph (d), and if the eligible person is  
2.6 determined by the Public Employees Retirement Association as being disabled while in  
2.7 the line of duty as a result of the March 11, 2006, shooting incident, the eligible person  
2.8 is entitled to receive a duty disability benefit from the public employees police and fire  
2.9 retirement plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.656, subdivision 1 or 1a, including  
2.10 retroactive benefit payments from April 1, 2006.

2.11 (d) The authority for the eligible person to file a disability benefit application under  
2.12 paragraph (a) expires on July 1, 2014.

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