

Legislative Alert

Legislation very important to PASR

As early as Monday (November 18th), the **PA House of Representatives** may take action on House Bill 1960 which is purported to generate \$13 billion in saving for the pension funds.

PASR is strongly supporting an amendment to House Bill 1960 that would provide a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) to pre-Act 9 Retirees. The House Republican leadership will try to prevent our amendment from being voted on. **We need your help** to get our amendment voted on.

Time is of the essence and we need messages delivered by Monday. Please contact your State Representative's office as soon as you receive this message.

We are asking for you to send them any form of communication – phone call – email – fax – Facebook post.

If you are receiving this message on a weekend day, calling the office of a State Representative and leaving a voicemail message will have an impact. There is nothing wrong with sending an email and making a phone call. Many messages from our members will have a greater impact.

Please tell them that:

Pre-Act 9 retirees receive an average pension of \$18,000 and have not received a cost of living adjustment for over 18 years. Many retirees have pensions below \$18,000 a year and rely on their monthly pension check to pay property taxes, fill their prescriptions, buy groceries and support themselves and their spouses.

Pre-Act 9 retirees **did not** receive the enhanced pension benefits that were awarded to retirees who retired after 2001 (Post-Act 9).

If you already know the name of your State Representative the following is a list that only includes the phone numbers of your State Representative for their district and Harrisburg office phone numbers:

<https://www.pasr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Members-of-PA-House-9-16-2019.pdf>

The following website will allow you to find our State Representative by listing your address. If you want to send an email – just click the letter symbol under the photo:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>

Many thanks for anything you can give to this communication effort.

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