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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to retirement; general state employees retirement plan of the Minnesota  
1.3 State Retirement System; authorizing the purchase of allowable service credit for  
1.4 pre-July 1, 1977, Department of Natural Resources intermittent employment in  
1.5 certain instances.

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

1.7 Section 1. MSRS - GENERAL; PRE-JULY 1, 1977, DEPARTMENT OF  
1.8 NATURAL RESOURCES INTERMITTENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE CREDIT  
1.9 PURCHASE.

1.10 (a) An eligible person described in paragraph (b) is entitled to purchase allowable  
1.11 service credit under Minnesota Statutes, section 352.01, subdivision 11, in the general  
1.12 state employees retirement plan of the Minnesota State Retirement System for the period  
1.13 of employment specified in paragraph (c) by making the prior service credit purchase  
1.14 payment required in paragraph (d).

1.15 (b) An eligible person is a person who:

1.16 (1) was born on February 2, 1951;

1.17 (2) became employed as a temporary laborer 1 - intermittent in the state parks  
1.18 section of the Department of Natural Resources on May 17, 1974;

1.19 (3) was not covered by the general state employees retirement plan of the Minnesota  
1.20 State Retirement System for the period May 17, 1974, through June 30, 1977, for  
1.21 employment as a temporary laborer 1 - intermittent;

1.22 (4) subsequently became covered by the general state employees retirement plan of  
1.23 the Minnesota State Retirement System for Department of Natural Resources employment  
1.24 on July 1, 1977, for employment as an unlimited intermittent, laborer 1; and

2.1 (5) became a regular state employee at the Ah-Gwah-Ching Center in February 1985  
2.2 and has continued in state employment thereafter.

2.3 (c) The eligible service credit purchase period is periods of uncovered employment  
2.4 as a temporary laborer 1 - intermittent from May 17, 1974, to June 30, 1977.

2.5 (d) Minnesota Statutes, section 356.551, applies to the service credit purchase  
2.6 authorized under this section. For purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 356.551, the  
2.7 Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Human Services are considered  
2.8 as the employing unit, and may contribute toward the purchase as specified in that section.

2.9 (e) The executive director of the Minnesota State Retirement System may request  
2.10 documentation related to eligibility under paragraph (b) and employment during the period  
2.11 specified in paragraph (c) before crediting allowable service under this section.

2.12 (f) The service credit purchase authority provided by this section terminates upon  
2.13 termination of covered employment or December 31, 2009, whichever is earlier.

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