

Please Support HB 4108



This bill makes right an unintended change to the retirement of just over a dozen prison chaplains that work for the public employers.

In 2016 it was brought to the attention of PERS that tier 3 prison chaplains could no longer count their housing allowances as part of their retirement.

Tier 1 and 2 prison chaplains could and those chaplains that were tier three were able to until this administrative change. There was no bill but instead the department started to change which box they were placing the housing allowance on their tax form.

The housing allowance is a third of their total compensation and so this is a very small number of people but the impact is huge for their financial security and the security of their families.

Prison chaplains have the very difficult job of ministering to adults in custody but they are often the support that our corrections officers and other workers in corrections turn too. They are truly doing God's work in some of the most difficult working conditions in the state.

Please make this situation right for these hardworking dedicated public servants. And vote yes on HB 4108.

Respectfully
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From the desk of Rep. Chris Gorsek

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Gorsek", is written over a circular blue stamp or seal.