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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S: 584 - National Guard technician retirement benefits.

The bill grants National Guard technicians full civil service retirement credit for service performed prior to 1969 when they were non-Federal employees of State Guard units.

Under the bill:

- full retirement credit will be retroactive to January 1, 1969, the effective date of the 1968 law which "federalized" those National Guard technicians who were serving in that capacity on that date.
- annuities of technicians who are entitled to State retirement benefits will be reduced by the amount of any prior to January 1, 1969.
- technicians already retired since 1969 will be required to apply for the additional retirement credit, and would begin to receive their higher annuities in the month following enactment.
- an estimated 40,000 persons will be involved.

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