

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 16, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled
2 "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending,
3 revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto,"
4 further providing for service increments to pensions of
5 police and firefighters.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 4303(b)(1) and (2) of the act of June 23,
9 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code,
10 reenacted and amended June 28, 1951 (P.L.662, No.164) and
11 amended or added January 18, 1952 (1951 P.L.2105, No.596) and
12 November 25, 1970 (P.L.754, No.246), are amended to read:

13 Section 4303. Allowances and Service Increments.--* * *

14 (b) In addition to the retirement allowance which is
15 authorized to be paid from the police pension fund by this act,
16 and notwithstanding the limitations therein placed upon such
17 retirement allowances and upon contributions, every contributor
18 who shall become entitled to the retirement allowance shall also
19 be entitled to the payment of a "service increment" in

1 accordance with and subject to the conditions hereinafter set
2 forth.

3 (1) Service increment shall be the sum obtained by computing
4 the number of whole years after having served the minimum
5 required by this act during which a contributor has been
6 employed by such city and paid out of the city treasury,
7 including credit for military service as provided in section
8 4302, and multiplying the said number of years so computed by an
9 amount equal to one-fortieth of the retirement allowance which
10 has become payable to such contributor in accordance with the
11 provisions of this act. In computing the service increment, no
12 employment after the contributor has reached the age of sixty-
13 five years shall be included, and no service increment shall be
14 paid in excess of [one hundred dollars (\$100.00)] five hundred
15 dollars (\$500.00) per month.

16 (2) Each contributor, from and after the effective date of
17 this amendment, shall pay into the retirement fund a monthly sum
18 in addition to his or her retirement contribution, which shall
19 be equal to one-half of one per centum of his or her salary:
20 Provided, That such payment shall not exceed the sum of [one
21 dollar (\$1.00)] five dollars (\$5.00) per month: And provided,
22 That such service increment contribution shall not be paid after
23 a contributor has reached the age of sixty-five years.

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25 Section 2. Section 4322(b)(1) and (2) of the act, amended
26 October 4, 1978 (P.L.950, No.188), are amended to read:

27 Section 4322. Pensions and Service Increments.--* * *

28 (b) In addition to the pension which is authorized to be
29 paid from the firemen's pension fund by this act and
30 notwithstanding the limitations therein placed upon such

1 pensions and upon contributions, every contributor who shall
2 become entitled to the pension shall also be entitled to the
3 payment of a "service increment" in accordance with and subject
4 to the conditions hereinafter set forth.

5 (1) Service increment shall be the sum obtained by computing
6 the number of whole years after having served the minimum
7 required by this act during which a contributor has been
8 employed by such city and paid out of the city treasury,
9 including credit for military service as provided in section
10 4321, and multiplying the said number of years so computed by an
11 amount equal to one-fortieth of the retirement allowance which
12 has become payable to such contributor in accordance with the
13 provisions of this act. In computing the service increment, no
14 employment after the contributor has reached the age of sixty-
15 five years shall be included, and no service increment shall be
16 paid in excess of [one hundred dollars (\$100)] five hundred
17 dollars (\$500) per month.

18 (2) Each contributor, from and after the effective date of
19 this amendment, shall pay into the pension fund a monthly sum in
20 addition to his pension contribution, which shall not exceed the
21 sum of [one dollar (\$1)] five dollars (\$5) per month: And
22 provided, That such service increment contribution shall not be
23 paid after a contributor has reached the age of sixty-five
24 years.

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26 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.