

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

No. 554 Session of  
2007

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SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, TANGRETTI, J. TAYLOR AND  
WANSACZ, MARCH 6, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 6, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1804, No.600),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment  
3 of police pension funds or pension annuities in certain  
4 boroughs, towns and townships; authorizing the establishment  
5 of police pension funds or pension annuities by regional  
6 police departments; providing for the regulation and  
7 maintenance of police pension funds or pension annuities;  
8 providing for an actuary; continuance of existing funds or  
9 transfer thereof to funds herein established; prescribing  
10 rights of beneficiaries; contributions by members; providing  
11 for expenses of administration; continuation of existing  
12 authority to provide annuity contracts; credit for military  
13 service; refunds; exempting allowances from judicial process;  
14 and repealing certain acts," providing for part-time service  
15 credit.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. The act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1804, No.600),  
19 referred to as the Municipal Police Pension Law, is amended by  
20 adding a section to read:

21 Section 4.1. (a) Any member of the police force employed by  
22 a borough, town, township or regional police department, who has

1 been a regularly appointed full-time employe of any such  
2 political subdivision or regional police department for a period  
3 of at least six months and who prior thereto was a member of  
4 such force on a part-time basis, shall have credited to his  
5 employment record for pension or retirement benefits all of the  
6 time spent by him in such part-time service.

7 (b) The ordinance or resolution establishing the police  
8 pension fund may provide full service credit for each year of  
9 part-time service or fraction thereof, not to exceed five years,  
10 to any member of the police force who was employed by the  
11 political subdivision or regional police department during such  
12 part-time service. The amount due for the purchase of credit for  
13 such part-time service shall be computed by applying the average  
14 normal cost rate for borough, town, township and regional police  
15 pension plans as certified by the Public Employee Retirement  
16 Commission, but not to exceed ten per centum, to the member's  
17 average annual rate of compensation over the first three years  
18 of municipal service and multiplying the result by the number of  
19 years and fractional part of a year of creditable part-time  
20 service being purchased together with interest at the rate of  
21 four and three-quarters per centum compounded annually from the  
22 date of initial entry into full-time municipal service to the  
23 date of payment.

24 (c) Any member of the police force shall be eligible to  
25 receive service credit for part-time service as provided in  
26 subsections (a) and (b) provided that he is not entitled to  
27 receive, eligible to receive now or in the future or is  
28 receiving retirement benefits for such service under a  
29 retirement system administered and wholly or partially paid for  
30 by any other governmental agency.

1       Section 2.   This act shall take effect in 60 days.