

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, OCTOBER 4, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 25, 1933 (P.L.1050, No.242), entitled
2 "An act creating and establishing a fund for the care,
3 maintenance, and relief of aged, retired and disabled
4 employes of the bureau of fire in cities of the second class;
5 creating a board for the management thereof; providing the
6 mode and manner of payment to beneficiaries, and for the care
7 and disposition of its funds; and providing for the transfer
8 and payment of all moneys and securities in existing funds in
9 similar boards superseded by the fund and board herein
10 created," further providing for membership in the fund; and
11 providing for limited vested benefits.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. The title and section 8 of the act of May 25,
15 1933 (P.L.1050, No.242), referred to as the Second Class City
16 Firemen Relief Law, are amended to read:

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18 Creating and establishing a fund for the care, maintenance, and
19 relief of aged, retired and disabled employes of the bureau
20 of fire and of the bureau of emergency medical services in
21 cities of the second class; creating a board for the
22 management thereof; providing the mode and manner of payment

1 to beneficiaries, and for the care and disposition of its
2 funds; and providing for the transfer and payment of all
3 moneys and securities in existing funds in similar boards
4 superseded by the fund and board herein created."

5 Section 8. Those eligible to membership in the fund shall
6 be:

7 (1) All uniformed employes of the bureau of fire, including
8 the commanding officer and the chief of the bureau.

9 (2) All substitute uniformed employes of the bureau of fire.

10 (3) All persons who are at present members of the existing
11 fund in such city. Employes of the bureaus of electricity and
12 building inspection in such city who have entered such service
13 since the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and
14 eighteen, shall not be eligible to be members of such fund.

15 (4) All employes of the bureau of emergency medical
16 services.

17 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

18 Section 11.2. (a) Members of the fund who become eligible
19 under section 8(4) of this act may become eligible for a limited
20 vested benefit once the Pittsburgh City Council passes an
21 ordinance authorizing this type of benefit. The ordinance may
22 provide for a limited vested benefit if such would conform to
23 section 305 of the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1005, No.205),
24 known as the "Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and
25 Recovery Act." Under the provisions of the benefit, should a
26 member of the firemen's pension fund, before completing the
27 minimum period of continuous service requirements but after
28 having completed twelve years of full-time service, the member
29 shall be entitled to vest his or her retirement benefits subject
30 to the following conditions:

1 (1) the member must file with the management board of the
2 firemen's pension fund a written notice of his or her intention
3 to vest;

4 (2) the member must include in the notice, the date the
5 member intends to terminate his or her service as a full-time
6 employee of the bureau of emergency medical services;

7 (3) the termination date shall be at least thirty days later
8 than the date of notice to vest;

9 (4) the member must be in good standing with the bureau of
10 emergency medical services on the date of notice to vest; and

11 (5) the board shall indicate on the notice to vest the rate
12 of the monthly pay of the member as of the date of said notice
13 to vest or the highest average annual salary which the member
14 received during any five years of service preceding said date,
15 whichever is the higher.

16 (b) Upon reaching the date which would have been the
17 member's retirement date had the member continued his or her
18 full-time employment with the bureau of emergency medical
19 services, the member shall notify the board, in writing, that
20 the member desires to collect his or her pension. The amount of
21 retirement benefits the member is entitled to receive under this
22 section shall be computed as follows:

23 (1) the initial determination of the member's base
24 retirement benefits shall be computed on the salary indicated on
25 the notice to vest; and

26 (2) the portion of the base retirement benefits due the
27 member shall be determined by applying to the base amount the
28 percentage that his or her years of service actually rendered
29 bears to the years of service which would have been rendered had
30 the member continued to be employed by the bureau of emergency

1 medical services until his or her minimum retirement date.

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