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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1654** Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY CESSAR, JULY 21, 1975

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AN ACT

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

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

15 Section 1. Section 3, act of May 29, 1956 (P.L.1804, No.60),  
16 entitled "An act providing for the establishment of police  
17 pension funds or pension annuities in certain boroughs, towns  
18 and townships, and the regulation and maintenance thereof;  
19 providing for an actuary; continuance of existing funds or  
20 transfer thereof to funds herein established; prescribing rights  
21 of beneficiaries; contributions by members; providing for  
22 expenses of administration; continuation of existing authority  
23 to provide annuity contracts; credit for military service;

1 refunds; exempting allowances from judicial process; and  
2 repealing certain acts," amended October 21, 1965 (P.L.643,  
3 No.317), is amended to read:

4       Section 3. Each ordinance or resolution establishing a  
5 police pension fund shall prescribe a minimum period of total  
6 service in the aggregate of twenty-five years in the same  
7 borough, town or township and shall fix the age of the members  
8 of the force at [fifty-five years or, if an actuarial study of  
9 the cost shows that such reduction in age is feasible, may fix  
10 the age of the members of the force at] fifty years, after which  
11 they may retire from active duty, and such members as are  
12 retired shall be subject to service, from time to time, as a  
13 police reserve, in cases of riot, tumult or preservation of the  
14 public peace until unfitted for such service, when they may be  
15 finally discharged by reason of age or disability.

16       Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, of the year  
17 following enactment.