
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 528 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY DENT, KUKOVICH, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING,
LEMMOND, ORIE AND TARTAGLIONE, MARCH 24, 2003

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MARCH 24, 2003

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," further providing for payments
15 under existing pension plans for service increments to
16 pensions of police officers.

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

19 Section 1. Section 5(f) of the act of May 29, 1956 (1955
20 P.L.1804, No.600), referred to as the Municipal Police Pension
21 Law, amended February 18, 1998 (P.L.158, No.24), is amended to
22 read:

23 Section 5. * * *

24 (f) Any borough, town, township or regional police

1 department may establish and pay length of service increments
2 for years of service beyond twenty-five years for each completed
3 year of service in excess of twenty-five years, not to exceed
4 [one hundred dollars (\$100)] five hundred dollars (\$500). Such
5 length of service increments may be paid in addition to other
6 monthly pension or retirement allowances.

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8 Section 2. Any provision of section 5(c) of the act that
9 provides that pensions shall be computed at one-half the monthly
10 average salary shall not apply to a municipality or regional
11 police department operating under a home rule charter adopted in
12 accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Pt. III Subpt. E which had pension
13 plans in effect prior to the effective date of this section that
14 provided pensions in an amount greater than one-half the monthly
15 average salary.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.