

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 528 Session of 2003

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

SENATOR EARLL, FINANCE, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 9, 2004

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 ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) PER MONTH FOR EACH COMPLETED YEAR OF ←
6 SERVICE IN EXCESS OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE
7 HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) PER MONTH AFTER FIVE COMPLETED YEARS OF
8 SERVICE IN EXCESS OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. SUCH length of service
9 increments may be paid in addition to other monthly pension or
10 retirement allowances.

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

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.