

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 732**      Session of  
2003

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REFERRED TO FINANCE, MAY 12, 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 municipal  
15 police pensions.

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

18 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of May 29, 1956 (1955  
19 P.L.1804, No.600), referred to as the Municipal Police Pension  
20 Law, amended May 10, 1996 (P.L.162, No.33), is amended to read:

21 Section 3. Each ordinance or resolution establishing a  
22 police pension fund shall prescribe a minimum period of total  
23 service in the aggregate of twenty-five years and may prescribe  
24 a lower minimum period of total service in the aggregate of not

1 less than twenty years, in the same borough, town, township or  
2 regional police department and shall fix the age of the members  
3 of the force at fifty-five years, or, if an actuarial study of  
4 the cost shows that such reduction in age is feasible, may fix  
5 the age of the members of the force at not less than fifty  
6 years, after which [they] members of the force may retire from  
7 active duty, and such members as are retired shall be subject to  
8 service, from time to time, as a police reserve, in cases of  
9 riot, tumult or preservation of the public peace until  
10 [unfitted] determined to be unfit for such service, when they  
11 may be finally discharged by reason of age or disability.

12 Section 2. Section 5(f) of the act, amended February 18,  
13 1998 (P.L.158, No.24), is amended to read:

14 Section 5. \* \* \*

15 (f) Any borough, town, township or regional police  
16 department may establish and pay length of service increments  
17 for years of service beyond [twenty-five years] the prescribed  
18 minimum period of total service after which members of the force  
19 may retire from active duty for each completed year of service  
20 in excess of [twenty-five years, not to exceed one hundred  
21 dollars (\$100)] the prescribed minimum period. Such length of  
22 service increments may be paid in addition to other monthly  
23 pension or retirement allowances[.], but may not exceed twenty-  
24 five per centum of a member's monthly average salary computed  
25 pursuant to subsection (c).

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