

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 768 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY MURT, D. COSTA, DRISCOLL AND ROZZI, MARCH 9, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 9, 2017

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," providing for part-time service  
 15 credit.

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

18 Section 1. The act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1804, No.600),  
 19 referred to as the Municipal Police Pension Law, is amended by  
 20 adding a section to read:

21 Section 4.1. (a) A member of the police force employed by a  
 22 borough, town, township or regional police department, who has  
 23 been a regularly appointed full-time employe of the political  
 24 subdivision or regional police department for a period of at  
 25 least six months and who, prior to that period, was a member of

1 the police force on a part-time basis, shall have his employment  
2 record for pension or retirement benefits credited with the time  
3 spent in part-time service.

4 (b) An ordinance or resolution establishing a police pension  
5 fund may provide full service credit for each full year or  
6 partial year of part-time service, not to exceed five years, to  
7 a member of the police force who was employed by the political  
8 subdivision or regional police department during the part-time  
9 service. The amount due for the purchase of credit for the part-  
10 time service shall be computed by applying the average normal  
11 cost rate for borough, town, township and regional police  
12 pension plans as certified by the Public Employee Retirement  
13 Commission, not to exceed ten per centum, to the member's  
14 average annual rate of compensation over the first three years  
15 of municipal service and multiplying the result by the number of  
16 years and fractional part of a year of creditable part-time  
17 service being purchased together with interest at the rate of  
18 four and three-quarters per centum compounded annually from the  
19 date of initial entry into full-time municipal service to the  
20 date of payment.

21 (c) A member of the police force shall be eligible to  
22 receive service credit for part-time service as provided under  
23 subsections (a) and (b) if the member is not entitled to  
24 receive, eligible to receive, now or in the future, or is  
25 receiving retirement benefits for the service under a retirement  
26 system administered and wholly or partially paid for by another  
27 governmental agency.

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