



43:10-39

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Policemen's widows-increase pension)

NJSA 43:10-39

LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 168

Bill No. S410

Sponsor(s) Hagedorn

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly State Gov't, Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Senate State Gov't, Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Amended during passage ~~YES~~ No

Date of Passage: Assembly May 21, 1979

Senate Jan. 11, 1979

Date of approval August 9, 1979

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	XXX (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	YES	No
Senate	Yes	XXX
Fiscal Note	Yes	XXX 3-17-78 & 5-22-78
Veto message	YES	No
Message on signing	Yes	XXX

Following were printed:

Reports	YES	No
Hearings	YES	No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill relates to a pension fund that exists only in Bergen County. The bill increases the maximum pension payable to widows and other survivors of retired police officers from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

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SENATE, No. 410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Senator HAGEDORN

AN ACT concerning certain pensions, and amending R. S. 43:10-39.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 43:10-39 is amended to read as follows:

2 43:10-39. The widow of any retired member of such police de-
3 partment, who was married to her deceased husband before the
4 date of his retirement and before he reached the age of 50 years,
5 shall, if he paid into the fund the full amount of his annual assess-
6 ments or contributions and continued so to do after his retirement
7 until his death, which death shall have been from causes other than
8 injuries received in the performance of duty, receive a pension
9 equal to one-half of the pay of her deceased husband at the time of
10 his retirement, not exceeding **[\$1,000.00]** \$2,000.00, for so long as
11 she remains unmarried. This pension shall be for the use of herself
12 and any children of her deceased husband under 16 years of age.

13 If a retired deceased member leaves no widow but leaves three or
14 more children under 16 years of age, the pension shall be paid, in
15 equal shares, to those of his children who have not attained the age
16 of 16 years; if there be only two such children, they shall be paid
17 \$20.00 each monthly; and if only one such child, he shall be paid
18 \$25.00 monthly, until the age of 16 years is reached.

19 If there is no widow and no child under 16 years of age, the
20 pension shall be paid to the sole dependent parent of the deceased
21 member.

22 All retirements hereunder shall be made and pensions allowed by
23 the pension commission hereinafter created.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill relates to a pension fund that exists only in Bergen county. The bill increases the maximum pension payable to widows and other survivors of retired police officers from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 25, 1978

This bill amends a provision of Title 43 concerning a pension fund that exists only in Bergen County. It increases the maximum pension for the widows and other survivors of retired members of the police department from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. The Division of Pensions estimates that the cost of the bill will average only \$7,000.00 in any one case. It is the understanding of the committee that there are only six survivors who would be eligible. The bill is supported by the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

FISCAL NOTE TO
SENATE, No. 410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 1978

Senate Bill No. 410 amends the county police pension act to increase the pension payable to widows and other survivors from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. It is to take effect immediately.

The Division of Pensions comments:

“This is not a State-administered program. It involves employer contributions to the terminated Bergen county police fund. Under such system the employees and the employer pay only about one-third of the contributions made by employees and employers providing similar benefits. This liberalization will only add to the liabilities of this unsound fund.”

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.

FISCAL NOTE TO
SENATE, No. 410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 22, 1978

Senate Bill No. 410 amends the county police pension act to increase the pension payable to widows and other survivors from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 per annum.

In the corrected Fiscal Note the Division of Pensions states:

“This legislation pertains, to our knowledge, to only one plan established for county police in Bergen county where the number of individuals who would qualify is fairly small.

We have no way of estimating the cost of this legislation except to note that the employees and the employer together pay only about one-third of the contributions which would be required on a current basis to provide for the benefits. Certainly the deficiency of payments in the past is extraordinary and the liabilities of this fund presumably are being met on a pay-as-you-go basis. We believe this fund was closed to new employees in the past.

Comparable survivor benefits in the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System and the Prison Officers’ Pension Fund provide a minimum annual allowance of \$1,600.00 a year while benefits in the Consolidated Police and Firemen’s Fund were recently increased to \$2,500.00 a year.

The additional cost of such an increase in any one case could average \$7,000.00.”

The fiscal note is based on an estimate of costs rather than actual cost information.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

AUGUST 10, 1979

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PAT SWEENEY

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed into law the following bills:

S-410, sponsored by Senator Garrett W. Hagedorn (R-Bergen) which amends the County Police Pension Act to increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000 the maximum pension payable to widows and other survivors of retired county police officers. It applies only to one plan established for county police in Bergen County. That plan is not state-administered or state-funded.

S-488, sponsored by Senator Joseph A. Maressa (D-Camden) which amends the "Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law" to eliminate the proof of financial responsibility provisions. Under prior law, a driver whose driving and registration privileges were suspended had to file proof of financial responsibility.

Under the New Jersey Automobile Reparation Reform Act, all registered owners of automobiles are required to carry insurance coverage. Because of this requirement, S-488 repeals the financial responsibility provisions of the "Motor Vehicle Security-Responsibility Law" as unnecessary.

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