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CHAPTER 158 LAWS OF N. J. 1959

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SENATE, No. 262

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 21, 1959

By Senator FARLEY

(Without Reference)

AN ACT to amend and supplement "An act for the establishment of a police and firemen's retirement system for police and firemen of a municipality, county, or political subdivision thereof," approved May 23, 1944 (P. L. 1944, c. 255).

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

1. Section 7 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to read as follows:

7. (1) Upon the written application of a member or his employer any member may be retired by the board of trustees, not less than 30 nor more than 90 days next following the date of filing such application, on an accidental disability retirement allowance; provided, that the medical board, after a medical examination of such member, shall certify that the natural and proximate cause of such disability was an accident met in the actual performance of duty within 5 years preceding the date of such application and that such disability was not the result of the member's willful negligence and that such member is mentally or physically incapacitated for performance of his usual duty and of any other available duty in the department which his employer is willing to assign to him, and that such incapacity is likely to be permanent and to such an extent that such member should be retired.

(2) Upon retirement for accidental disability, a member shall receive an accidental disability retirement allowance which shall consist of:

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

(a) An annuity ~~which~~ shall be the actuarial equivalent of the member's aggregate contributions at retirement; and

(b) A pension, *in addition to the annuity,* equal to [1/3] *2/3* of the ~~mem~~ber's [average final] *actual annual* compensation *for which contributions were being made at the time of the occurrence of the accident.*

[(c) The total of the annual allowance as provided in this section shall not exceed 60% of the average final compensation of the member.]

(3) Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death of a member who has retired on an accidental disability retirement allowance, there shall be paid a pension of $1,500.00 a year to the widow of the member, if he leaves a widow to whom he was married at the time he became so disabled, to continue until her death or remarriage; or, if there is no widow, or if such widow dies leaving children of the deceased member, a pension to each child under age 18 to continue to age 18 or prior death, such pension to be $600.00 annually if there is only 1 such surviving child; or $480.00 annually to each child if 2 such surviving children; or $1,500.00 annually divided equally among the surviving children if there are 3 or more such children.

2. The increases under this act shall apply only to retirement allowances payable on account of retirements or deaths occurring after January 11, 1956; provided, however, that such increases shall be applicable only to payments becoming due after the month in which this act becomes effective.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PENSION BILL SIGNED: Two bills increasing retirement allowances for police and firemen injured in the line of duty were signed yesterday by Governor Robert B. Meyner. The men will get a pension equal to two-thirds of their salaries, instead of one-half. The money comes from the police and firemen's retirement system and the nw consolidated police and firemen's pension fund. Meyner said he urged the increase in 1957, and added, "considering the hazardous nature of the work performed daily by the police and firemen of this state, this increase in benefits is clearly justified." The measures were sponsored by Senator Frank S. Farley (R-Atlantic). Pictured at the signing (left to right seated) Governor Meyner and William Mallon, of Elizabeth, state FMBA president; standing, James Vigilanti, of Morristown, state PBA president.

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