

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 526

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY: Waives the one year service requirement for eligibility for state supplemental pay for firefighters ordered to active military duty prior to completion of one year of service

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2002(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 33:2002(A)(5), relative to
3 eligibility for state supplemental pay for firefighters; to provide for eligibility for
4 certain firefighters who are ordered to active military duty; to waive certain
5 requirements as to length of employment; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R. S. 33:2002(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 33:2002(A)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2002. Extra compensation

10 A.(1) In addition to the compensation now paid by any municipality, parish,
11 fire protection district, or other political subdivision maintaining a fire department,
12 or by the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana or the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana,
13 hereinafter referred to as "tribe", or by any nonprofit corporation contracting with
14 any such political subdivision to provide fire protection services to every paid,
15 regularly employed employee who is paid not less than three hundred dollars per
16 month, not including supplemental pay, as distinguished from part-time employees
17 and volunteers of such fire department, who are carried on the payroll of such fire
18 department, and every employee as defined herein who is paid from funds of the
19 parish or municipality or tribe obtained through lawfully adopted bond issues,

1 lawfully assessed taxes, or other funds available for such purpose, either directly or
 2 through a board or commission set up by law or ordinance of the parish or
 3 municipality or tribe, shall be paid extra compensation by the state in the amount of
 4 five hundred dollars per month for each such paid employee who has completed or
 5 who hereafter completes one year of service. The provisions of Paragraph (5) of this
 6 Subsection shall govern the requirements for length of service for employees who
 7 were ordered to active military duty in the armed services of the United States during
 8 their initial term of employment.

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10 (5)(a) An employee who was ordered to active military duty in the armed
 11 services of the United States before the completion of one year of service, and who
 12 had completed and passed a certified fireman's training program required under this
 13 Subsection prior to such military service, shall be eligible to receive extra
 14 compensation beginning one year from his initial hiring date.

15 (b) An employee who was ordered to active military duty in the armed
 16 services of the United States before the completion of one year of service, and who
 17 had not yet completed and passed a certified fireman's training program required
 18 under this Subsection prior to such military activity, shall be eligible to receive extra
 19 compensation immediately upon returning to employment and completion of a
 20 certified fireman's training program required under this Subsection.

DIGEST

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HB No. 526

Abstract: Waives the one year employment requirement for eligibility for state supplemental pay for firefighters who are ordered to activity military duty before they complete their first year of employment

Present law provides the requirements for the payment of state supplemental pay for firefighters employed by a municipality, parish, fire protection district, a tribal fire department, or any other political subdivision which maintains a fire department. The completion of one year of employment and completion of a certified fireman's training

program are required. The amount of extra compensation paid by the state is \$500 per month.

Proposed law retains present law and adds provisions waiving the one year employment requirement before eligibility to receive supplemental pay for firefighters who were ordered to active military duty in the armed services of the U.S. during their initial term of employment.

Proposed law authorizes the payment of supplemental pay beginning one year from the initial hiring date of a firefighter who was ordered to active military duty before the completion of one year of employment, and who had completed and passed a certified fireman's training program required by present law prior to such military service.

Proposed law authorizes the payment of supplemental pay upon the completion of a certified fireman's training program required by present law for a rehired firefighter who was ordered to active military duty before the completion of one year of service.

(Amends R.S. 33:2002(A)(1); Adds R.S. 33:2002(A)(5))