

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MURT, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, COHEN, D. COSTA AND FREEMAN, APRIL 16, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 16, 2015

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

1 least six months and who, prior to that period, was a member of
2 the force on a part-time basis, shall have his employment record
3 for pension or retirement benefits credited with the time spent
4 by him in part-time service.

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

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

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