97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5645

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/6-164

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-164

30 ILCS 805/8.36 new

Amends the Chicago Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2012 for firemen born on or after January 1, 1955 but before January 1, 1960, the automatic annual increases in retirement annuity shall be 3% and shall not be subject to the 30% maximum increase restriction. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT 1

AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing
Section 6-164 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/6-164) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-164)

Sec. 6-164. Automatic annual increase; retirement after
September 1, 1959.

9 (a) A fireman qualifying for a minimum annuity who retires from service after September 1, 1959 shall, upon either the 10 first of the month following the first anniversary of his date 11 of retirement if he is age 60 (age 55 if born before January 1, 12 13 1955) or over on that anniversary date, or upon the first of 14 the month following his attainment of age 60 (age 55 if born before January 1, 1955) if that occurs after the first 15 anniversary of his retirement date, have his then fixed and 16 17 payable monthly annuity increased by 1 1/2%, and such first fixed annuity as granted at retirement increased by an 18 19 additional $1 \frac{1}{2}$ in January of each year thereafter up to a maximum increase of 30%. Beginning July 1, 1982 for firemen 20 21 born before January 1, 1930, and beginning January 1, 1990 for firemen born after December 31, 1929 and before January 1, 22 1940, and beginning January 1, 1996 for firemen born after 23

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December 31, 1939 but before January 1, 1945, and beginning January 1, 2004, for firemen born after December 31, 1944 but before January 1, 1955, <u>and beginning January 1, 2012 for</u> <u>firemen born on or after January 1, 1955 but before January 1,</u> <u>1960, such increases shall be 3% and such firemen shall not be</u> subject to the 30% maximum increase.

7 Any fireman born before January 1, 1945 who qualifies for a minimum annuity and retires after September 1, 1967 but has not 8 9 received the initial increase under this subsection before 10 January 1, 1996 is entitled to receive the initial increase 11 under this subsection on (1) January 1, 1996, (2) the first 12 anniversary of the date of retirement, or (3) attainment of age 55, whichever occurs last. The changes to this Section made by 13 14 this amendatory Act of 1995 apply beginning January 1, 1996 and 15 apply without regard to whether the fireman or annuitant 16 terminated service before the effective date of this amendatory 17 Act of 1995.

Any fireman born before January 1, 1955 who qualifies for a 18 minimum annuity and retires after September 1, 1967 but has not 19 20 received the initial increase under this subsection before January 1, 2004 is entitled to receive the initial increase 21 22 under this subsection on (1) January 1, 2004, (2) the first 23 anniversary of the date of retirement, or (3) attainment of age 55, whichever occurs last. The changes to this Section made by 24 25 this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly apply without regard to whether the fireman or annuitant terminated service 26

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1 before the effective date of this amendatory Act.

2 Any fireman born on or after January 1, 1955 but before 3 January 1, 1960 who qualifies for a minimum annuity and retires after September 1, 1967 but has not received the initial 4 5 increase under this subsection before January 1, 2012 is entitled to receive the initial increase under this subsection 6 7 on (1) January 1, 2012, (2) the first anniversary of the date of retirement, or (3) attainment of age 55, whichever occurs 8 9 last. The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act 10 of the 97th General Assembly apply without regard to whether 11 the fireman or annuitant terminated service before the 12 effective date of this amendatory Act.

(b) Subsection (a) of this Section is not applicable to anemployee receiving a term annuity.

(c) To help defray the cost of such increases in annuity, there shall be deducted, beginning September 1, 1959, from each payment of salary to a fireman, 1/8 of 1% of each such salary payment and an additional 1/8 of 1% beginning on September 1, 19 1961, and September 1, 1963, respectively, concurrently with and in addition to the salary deductions otherwise made for annuity purposes.

Each such additional 1/8 of 1% deduction from salary which shall, on September 1, 1963, result in a total increase of 3/8 of 1% of salary, shall be credited to the Automatic Increase Reserve, to be used, together with city contributions as provided in this Article, to defray the cost of the 1 1/2% 1 annuity increments herein specified. Any balance in such 2 reserve as of the beginning of each calendar year shall be 3 credited with interest at the rate of 3% per annum.

The salary deductions provided in this Section are not 4 5 subject to refund, except to the fireman himself, in any case in which a fireman withdraws prior to qualification for minimum 6 annuity and applies for refund, or applies for annuity, and 7 8 also where a term annuity becomes payable. In such cases, the 9 total of such salary deductions shall be refunded to the 10 fireman, without interest, and charged to the aforementioned 11 reserve.

12 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the monthly annuity of a person who first becomes a fireman 13 14 under this Article on or after January 1, 2011 shall be 15 increased on the January 1 occurring either on or after the 16 attainment of age 60 or the first anniversary of the annuity 17 start date, whichever is later. Each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage 18 increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u 19 20 for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is less, of the originally granted 21 22 retirement annuity. If the annual unadjusted percentage change 23 in the consumer price index-u for a 12-month period ending in 24 September is zero or, when compared with the preceding period, 25 decreases, then the annuity shall not be increased.

26 For the purposes of this subsection (d), "consumer price

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1 index-u" means the index published by the Bureau of Labor 2 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor that 3 measures the average change in prices of goods and services 4 purchased by all urban consumers, United States city average, 5 all items, 1982-84 = 100. The new amount resulting from each 6 annual adjustment shall be determined by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance and made available to 7 8 the boards of the pension funds.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-1495, eff. 1-1-11.)

Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding Section 8.36 as follows:

12 (30 ILCS 805/8.36 new)

13 Sec. 8.36. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 14 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the 15 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of 16 the 97th General Assembly.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect uponbecoming law.