

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB1495

Introduced 02/10/05, by Rep. Kevin Joyce

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/5-154 30 ILCS 805/8.29 new from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-154

Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Beginning January 1, 2006, increases the duty disability benefit to 75% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the policeman at the time of removal from the police department payroll. 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.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing

 Section 5-154 as follows:
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/5-154) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-154)
- Sec. 5-154. Duty disability benefit; child's disability benefit.
 - (a) An active policeman who becomes disabled on or after the effective date as the result of injury incurred on or after such date in the performance of an act of duty, has a right to receive duty disability benefit during any period of such disability for which he does not have a right to receive salary, equal to 75% of his salary, as salary is defined in this Article, at the time the disability is allowed; or in the case of a policeman on duty disability who returns to active employment at any time for a period of at least 2 years and is again disabled from the same cause or causes, 75% of his salary, as salary is defined in this Article, at the time disability is allowed; provided, however, that:
 - (i) If the disability resulted from any physical defect or mental disorder or any disease which existed at the time the injury was sustained, or if the disability is less than 50% of total disability for any service of a remunerative character, the duty disability benefit shall be 50% of salary as defined in this Article.
 - (ii) Beginning January 1, 1996, no duty disability benefit that has been payable under this Section for at least 10 years shall be less than 50% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the policeman at the time of removal from the police department payroll, regardless of whether that removal occurred

before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995. Beginning on January 1, 2000, no duty disability benefit that has been payable under this Section for at least 7 years shall be less than 60% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the policeman at the time of removal from the police department payroll, regardless of whether that removal occurred before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly. Beginning on January 1, 2006, no duty disability benefit that is payable under this Section shall be less than 75% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the policeman at the time of removal from the police department payroll, regardless of whether that removal occurred before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

(iii) If the Board finds that the disability of the policeman is of such a nature as to permanently render him totally disabled for any service of a remunerative character, the duty disability benefit shall be 75% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the policeman at the time of removal from the police department payroll. In the case of a policeman receiving a duty disability benefit under this Section on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the increase in benefit provided by this amendatory Act, if any, shall begin to accrue as of the date that the Board makes the required finding of permanent total disability, regardless of whether removal from the payroll occurred before the effective date of this amendatory Act.

(b) The policeman shall also have a right to child's disability benefit of \$100 per month for each unmarried child, the issue of the policeman, less than age 18, but the total amount of child's disability benefit shall not exceed 25% of his salary as defined in this Article. The increase in child's disability benefit provided by this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly applies beginning January 1, 2000 to all such

- 1 benefits payable on or after that date, regardless of whether
- 2 the disabled policeman is in active service on or after the
- 3 effective date of this amendatory Act.
- 4 (c) Duty disability benefit shall be payable until the
- 5 policeman becomes age 63 or would have been retired by
- 6 operation of law, whichever is later, and child's disability
- 7 benefit shall be paid during any such period of disability
- 8 until the child attains age 18. Thereafter the policeman shall
- 9 receive the annuity provided in accordance with the other
- 10 provisions of this Article.
- 11 (d) A policeman who suffers a heart attack during the
- 12 performance and discharge of his or her duties as a policeman
- shall be considered injured in the performance of an act of
- 14 duty and shall be eligible for all benefits that the City
- provides for police officers injured in the performance of an
- 16 act of duty. This subsection (d) is a restatement of existing
- 17 law and applies without regard to whether the policeman is in
- service on or after the effective date of Public Act 89-12 or
- 19 this amendatory Act of 1996.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 92-52, eff. 7-12-01.)
- 21 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 22 Section 8.29 as follows:
- 23 (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)
- Sec. 8.29. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
- of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
- implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
- 27 <u>the 94th General Assembly.</u>
- 28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 29 becoming law.