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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO FINANCE, MARCH 15, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 3, 1947 (P.L.1242, No.507), entitled  
2 "An act relating to police and firemen's pension funds in  
3 cities of the second class A, and directing such cities to  
4 appropriate certain moneys thereto, and requiring reports and  
5 audits," further providing for credit for military service.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of July 3, 1947 (P.L.1242,  
9 No.507), entitled "An act relating to police and firemen's  
10 pension funds in cities of the second class A, and directing  
11 such cities to appropriate certain moneys thereto, and requiring  
12 reports and audits," amended July 15, 1968 (P.L.341, No.166), is  
13 amended to read:

14 Section 1. There shall be paid over, as hereinafter  
15 provided, to the organization or association constituting and  
16 having in charge the distribution of police and firemen's  
17 pension funds in every city of the second class A, three per  
18 centum (3%) of all city taxes collected by the city, other than  
19 taxes levied to pay interest on or to extinguish the debt of the

1 city, or any part thereof, to be divided equally between the  
2 police and firemen's association or organization. In addition to  
3 the three per centum (3%) of city taxes required to be paid  
4 pursuant to this section, moneys shall be appropriated by cities  
5 of the second class A to organizations and associations  
6 distributing police and firemen's pension funds, whenever  
7 necessary to enable the organizations or associations to pay the  
8 amounts of minimum pensions prescribed by act of Assembly,  
9 pursuant to section 11 of article III[.] of the Constitution of  
10 Pennsylvania. In addition to the above payments and  
11 appropriations, moneys [may] shall be appropriated by cities of  
12 the second class A to organizations and associations  
13 distributing police and firemen's pension funds, whenever  
14 necessary, to entitle any policeman or fireman who is a member  
15 of the pension fund and who served in the armed forces of the  
16 United States subsequent to September 1, 1940, and who was not a  
17 member of the police or firemen's pension funds prior to such  
18 military service, and who commenced employment as a policeman or  
19 fireman in a city of the second class A [within three (3) years  
20 from] after the date of release from active duty to have full  
21 credit for each year or fraction thereof, not to exceed five (5)  
22 years of such service upon his payment to the police or  
23 firemen's pension fund an amount equal to that which he would  
24 have paid had he been a member during the period for which he  
25 desires credit computed with reference to the compensation he  
26 received upon entry into city service as a policeman or fireman  
27 and his current percentage of salary deductions, and an  
28 additional amount as the equivalent of the contributions of the  
29 city on account of such military service, which amount may be  
30 paid in a lump sum or by installments as may be approved by the

1 organizations or associations distributing pension funds to  
2 police and firemen.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.