AN ACT Relating to volunteer firemen; reenacting section 18, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 75, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and by section 3, chapter 170, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 41.24.180; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 18, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 75, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and by section 3, chapter 170, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 41.24.180 are each reenacted to read as follows:

The board of trustees of any municipal corporation shall direct payment in lump sums from said fund in the following cases:

(1) To any volunteer fireman, upon attaining the age of sixty-five years, who, for any reason, is not qualified to receive the monthly retirement pension herein provided and who was enrolled in said fund and on whose behalf annual fees for retirement pension were paid, an amount equal to the amount paid by himself or herself.

(2) If any fireman dies before attaining the age at which a pension shall be payable to him or her under the provisions of this chapter, there shall be paid to his widow or her widower, or if there be no widow or widower to his or her child or children, or if there be no widow or widower or child or children then to his or her heirs at law as may be determined by the board of trustees or to his or her estate if it be administered and there be no heirs as above determined, an amount equal to the amount paid into said fund by himself or herself.

(3) If any fireman dies after beginning to receive the pension provided for in this chapter, and before receiving an amount equal to the amount paid by himself and the municipality or municipalities in whose department he or she shall have served, there
shall be paid to his widow or her widower, or if there be no widow or widower then to his or her child or children, or if there be no widow or widower or child or children then to his or her heirs at law as may be determined by the board of trustees, or to his or her estate if it be administered and there be no heirs as above determined, an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid into said fund by himself or herself and the municipality or municipalities in whose department he or she shall have served and the amount received by him or her as a pensioner.

(4) If any volunteer fireman retires from the fire service before attaining the age of sixty-five years, he or she may make application for the return of the amount paid into said fund by himself or herself.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

RCW 41.24.180 was amended twice in the 1973 first extraordinary session of the legislature. (1) 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 sec. 75 was a part of an extensive equal rights bill, and added phrases such as "himself or herself", "him or her", and "widow or widower" throughout the section. (2) 1973 1st ex.s. c 170 sec. 3 deleted the proviso at the end of subsection (1) relating to firemen completing years of service after attaining age 65. As these amendments appear to be in different respects, the purpose of this act is to give effect to each by enacting the section with each amendment included therein.

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CHAPTER 27
[House Bill No. 1356]
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES—
CODE CORRECTION

AN ACT Relating to the department of labor and industries; reenacting section 43.22.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 52, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and by section 8, chapter 153, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.22.010; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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