

## CHAPTER 69.

[ H. B. 249. ]

## CITY FIREMEN BENEFITS—PRIOR SERVICE.

AN ACT relating to firemen of cities and towns; providing for the addition and accreditation of the period of service of certain persons with certain private enterprises to the period of employment as firemen; adding a new section to chapter 382, Laws of 1955 and chapter 41.18 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 382, Laws of 1955 and chapter 41.18 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Every person who was a member of a fire-fighting organization operated by a private enterprise, which fire-fighting organization shall be hereafter acquired before September 1, 1959, by a municipality as its fire department as a matter of public convenience or necessity, where it is in the public interest to retain the trained personnel of such fire-fighting organization, shall have added and accredited to his period of employment as a fireman his period of service with said private enterprise, except that this shall apply only to those persons who are in the service of such fire-fighting organization at the time of its acquisition by the municipality and who remain in the service of that municipality until this chapter shall become applicable to such persons.

No such person shall have added and accredited to his period of employment as a fireman his period of service with said private enterprise unless he or a third party shall pay to the municipality his contribution for the period of such service with the private enterprise at the rate provided in RCW 41.18-.030, or, if he shall be entitled to any private pension or retirement benefits as a result of such service with the private enterprise, unless he agrees at the time

New section.

Credit for membership in private organization acquired by municipality.

of his employment by the municipality to accept a reduction in the payment of any benefits payable under this chapter that are based in whole or in part on such added and accredited service by the amount of those private pension or retirement benefits received. For the purposes of RCW 41.18.030, the date of entry of service shall be deemed the date of entry into service with the private enterprise, which service is accredited by this section, and the amount of contributions for the period of accredited service shall be based on the wages or salary of such person during that added and accredited period of service with the private enterprise.

The city may receive payments for these purposes from a third party and shall make from such payments contributions with respect to such prior service as may be necessary to enable the fund to assume its obligations.

**Emergency.**

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.

Passed the House February 13, 1959.

Passed the Senate February 25, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1959.