

for such ((public)) utility, or comprising a part of its plants, lines or systems. The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to persons making electrical installations on their own property or to regularly employed employees working on the premises of their employer: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in this chapter shall be construed to restrict the right of any householder to assist or receive assistance from a friend, neighbor, relative or other person when none of the individuals doing such electrical installation hold themselves out as engaged in the trade or business of electrical installations.

Sec. 8. Section 15, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37.150 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((Violation of this chapter or of the department rules and regulations provided for in this chapter by a person, firm, or corporation, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars. Each day of such violation constitutes a separate offense))~~ (1) It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to employ an individual for purposes of this chapter who has not been issued a certificate of competency or a learning certificate. It is unlawful for any individual to maintain or install any electrical equipment or apparatus for light, heat, or power without having in his or her possession a certificate of competency or a learning certificate under this chapter. Any person, firm, or corporation found in violation of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars. Any equipment or apparatus maintained or installed by any person who does not possess a certificate of competency under this chapter shall not receive a safe wiring label and electrical service shall not be connected or maintained to operate the equipment or apparatus. Each day that a person, firm, or corporation violates the provisions of this chapter is a separate violation.

(2) A civil penalty shall be collected in a civil action brought by the attorney general or the prosecuting attorney of the county wherein the alleged violation arose at the request of the department if any of the provisions of this chapter or any rules promulgated under this chapter are violated.

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CHAPTER 157

[Senate Bill No. 2224]

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S PENSIONS—SERVICE TIME—MONTHLY BENEFITS

AN ACT Relating to the volunteer firemen's relief and pension system; amending section 17, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 2, chapter 170, Laws of 1973 1st

ex. sess. and RCW 41.24.170; and amending section 7, chapter 263, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 9, chapter 118, Laws of 1969 and RCW 41.24.300.

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

Section 1. Section 17, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 2, chapter 170, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 41.24.170 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any fireman has been a member and served honorably for a period of ~~((twenty-five))~~ ten years or more as an active member in any capacity, of any regularly organized volunteer fire department of any municipality in this state, and which municipality and fireman are enrolled under the retirement provisions, and the fireman has reached the age of sixty-five years, the board of trustees shall order and direct that he be retired and be paid a monthly pension as provided in this section.

Whenever a fireman has been a member, and served honorably for a period of twenty-five years or more as an active member in any capacity, of any regularly organized volunteer fire department of any municipality in this state, and he has reached the age of sixty-five years, and the annual retirement fee has been paid for a period of twenty-five years, the board of trustees shall order and direct that he be retired and such fireman be paid a monthly pension of one hundred fifty dollars from the fund for the balance of his life.

Whenever any fireman has been a member, and served honorably for a period of twenty-five years or more as an active member in any capacity, of any regularly organized volunteer fire department of any municipality in this state, and the fireman has reached the age of sixty-five years, and the annual retirement fee has been paid for a period of less than twenty-five years, the board of trustees shall order and direct that he be retired and that such fireman shall receive a minimum monthly pension of twenty-five dollars increased by the sum of ~~((three))~~ five dollars each month for each year the annual fee has been paid, but not to exceed the maximum monthly pension herein provided, for the balance of his life.

No pension herein provided ~~((shall))~~ may become payable before the sixty-fifth birthday of the fireman, nor for any service less than twenty-five years: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That:

(1) Any fireman, upon completion of twenty-five years' service and attainment of age sixty, may irrevocably elect, in lieu of the pension to which he would be entitled hereunder at age sixty-five, to receive for the balance of his life a monthly pension equal to sixty percent of such pension.

(2) Any fireman, upon completion of twenty-five years' service and attainment of age sixty-two, may irrevocably elect, in lieu of the pension to which he would be entitled hereunder at age sixty-five, to receive for the balance of his life a monthly pension equal to seventy-five percent of such pension.

(3) Any fireman, upon completion of less than twenty-five years of service shall receive the applicable reduced pension provided below, according to the age at which he elects to begin to receive the pension. If receipt of the benefits begins at age sixty-five he shall receive one hundred percent of the reduced benefit; at age sixty-two he shall receive seventy-five percent of the reduced benefit; and at age sixty he shall receive sixty percent of the reduced benefit. The reduced benefit shall be computed as follows:

(a) Upon completion of ten years, but less than fifteen years of service, a monthly pension equal to fifteen percent of such pension as he would have been entitled to receive at age sixty-five after twenty-five years of service;

(b) Upon completion of fifteen years, but less than twenty years of service, a monthly pension equal to thirty percent of such pension as he would have been entitled to receive at age sixty-five after twenty-five years of service; and

(c) Upon completion of twenty years, but less than twenty-five years of service, a monthly pension equal to sixty percent of such pension as he would have been entitled to receive at age sixty-five after twenty-five years of service.

(4) Any monthly pension, payable to any fireman, which will not, under the provisions of this section, amount to twenty-five dollars, may be converted into a lump sum payment to the value of the annuity then remaining, as fixed and certified by the state insurance commissioner. Such conversion may be made either upon written application to the state board and shall rest at the discretion of the state board; or the state board may make, on its own motion, lump sum payments, equal or proportionate, as the case may be, to the value of the annuity then remaining in full satisfaction of claims due. Any person receiving a monthly payment of less than twenty-five dollars at the time of the effective date of this 1979 act, may elect, within two years, to convert such payments into a lump sum payment as herein provided.

Sec. 2. Section 7, chapter 263, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 9, chapter 118, Laws of 1969 and RCW 41.24.300 are each amended to read as follows:

All expenses incurred by the state board shall be accomplished by vouchers signed by ~~((two members))~~ the secretary and one member of the state board and issued to the persons entitled thereto and sent to the proper state agency. The proper state agency shall issue a warrant on the fund for the amount specified.

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