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AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

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Chapter 354

AN ACT Relating to Retirement of Policemen Under Maine State Retirement Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 60, § 6, sub-§ V-C, additional. Section 6 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 384 of the public laws of 1947, as amended, and as renumbered by section 90 of chapter 266 of the public laws of 1951, and as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered V-C, to read as follows:

'V-C. Any member of a police department who becomes or is a member of the Maine state retirement system and who has creditable service of at least 25 years as a policeman may be retired at $\frac{1}{2}$ of his average final compensation, provided such retirement is requested by the member. If any such member should become eligible under the provisions of this system, as a result of prior service and membership service, to a retirement allowance in excess of $\frac{1}{2}$ of his average final compensation, he shall be entitled to the higher retirement allowance; the provisions of this subsection shall apply to a member who may become chief of his respective police department.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 60, § 16, amended. Section 16 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new subsection to be numbered IX and read as follows:

'IX. Any amendments to this chapter enacted by the 96th legislature, the benefits of which could apply to employees of participating local districts, shall be made effective only in the event any such district elects to adopt such benefits and agrees to pay into the system the required costs as developed by the actuary.'

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Chapter 355

AN ACT Relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Officers of State Police.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 60, § 6, sub-§, V, amended. Subsection V of section 6 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 384 of the

public laws of 1947, and as renumbered by section 90 of chapter 266 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraphs:

'If an officer of the state police shall die as the result of injury received in line of duty, his widow, or, if none, his minor child or children shall receive an annual sum equal to:

A. $\frac{1}{2}$ the annual salary of such deceased officer at the time of his death, if such officer would have been retired under the provisions of section 21 of chapter 13; or

B. $\frac{1}{2}$ the average final compensation of such deceased officer at the time of his death, if such officer would have been retired under the provisions of this chapter.

Such annual sum shall be paid to the widow until she dies or remarries and to a child or children until they die or reach the age of 18 years. If the widow dies without remarrying and leaves a minor child or children, the payment shall continue until such minor child or children die or reach the age of 18 years.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 356

AN ACT Regulating the Marketing of Irish Potatoes Grown in the State of Maine.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 27, §§ 249-264, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 16 new sections, to be numbered 249 to 264, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Maine Potato Marketing Act

Sec. 249. Title. Sections 249 to 264, inclusive, shall be known and may be cited as the "Maine Potato Marketing Act."

Sec. 250. Purposes. The purposes of this act are:

I. To enable potato producers of this state, with the aid of the state, more effectively to correlate the marketing of their potatoes with market demands therefor.