

ACT 299

H.B. NO. 2035-80

A Bill for an Act Relating to Pensioners Bonus.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 88-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 88-11 Bonus; amounts available. Except as herein provided, every pension payable under the employees retirement system or payable pursuant to any law of the State, or by any county or independent public board or commission, shall be increased by a bonus for each month as follows:

- (1) Effective July 1, 1976, \$77.82 per month to those retirants and pensioners who had, before July 1, 1966, ten or more years of service; provided that any member who is retired because of physical or mental disability due to any injury or disease incurred while in the performance of his duty as a public employee shall be entitled to receive the bonus payment without meeting the minimum service requirement;
- (2) Effective July 1, 1976, \$31.12 per month additional to the above bonus to those retirants or pensioners who retired before July 1, 1945;
- (3) Effective July 1, 1976, \$31.12 per month additional to the above bonus or bonuses to those retirants or pensioners who have had twenty-one or more years of service;
- (4) Effective July 1, 1976, if the pension as increased by the bonus or bonuses does not equal \$202.32 per month, the bonus shall be further increased by such sum, not in excess of \$31.12, as will bring the total of the pension and bonus to \$202.32 per month; provided that where the dependents of a deceased pensioner are receiving pension by reasons of his death, the total only of all amounts paid to the dependents shall be so increased, and the increase herein shall be shared by them in proportion to the respective amount of pension receivable by them exclusive of this increase;
- (5) In the case of any retirement allowance for service commencing after June 30, 1965, pursuant to paragraph (1) or (3) of section 88-74, the only bonus payable shall be in the amount by which the benefit payable under the paragraphs is less than the bonus as set forth above, provided that in no case shall a person who retires after June 30, 1965, receive less under the service and ordinary disability retirement system benefits, plus the bonus payable under this section than he would have received if paragraph (5) had not been enacted;

- (6) Any provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, there shall be paid to every person who on June 30, 1965, was receiving a retirement allowance from the system or other pension payable under or pursuant to the law of the State or by any county or independent board or commission, a special cost of living bonus which shall be paid in the following manner:
 - (A) On January 1, 1966, seven and one-half per cent of the retirement allowance or pension;
 - (B) On July 1, 1969, an additional ten per cent of the retirement allowance or pension;
 - (C) On July 1, 1970, an additional ten per cent of the retirement allowance or pension;
 - (D) On July 1, 1973, an additional five and one-half per cent of the retirement allowance or pension;
 - (E) On July 1, 1976, an additional eight per cent of the retirement allowance or pension;
- (7) Any provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, there shall be paid to every person who retired between July 1, 1965 and June 30, 1970, and who, on June 30, 1974, was receiving a retirement allowance from the system or other pension payable under or pursuant to the law of the State or by any county or independent board or commission, a special cost of living bonus which shall be paid in the following manner:
 - (A) On July 1, 1974, five and one-half per cent of the retirement allowance or pension;
 - (B) On July 1, 1976, an additional eight per cent of the retirement allowance or pension;
- (8) Any other provision to the contrary notwithstanding, effective July 1, 1980, there shall be paid to every person who retired prior to July 1, 1975 and who on June 30, 1980 was receiving a retirement allowance from the system or other pension payable under or pursuant to the law of the State or by any county or independent board or commission, a special cost of living bonus which shall be paid in the following manner:
 - (A) \$4.50 a month for each year of the retirant's or pensioner's credited service, if the person retired prior to July 1, 1965;
 - (B) \$2.50 a month for each year of the retirant's or pensioner's credited service if the person retired after June 30, 1965 but prior to July 1, 1970; and
 - (C) \$1.00 a month for each year of the retirant's or pensioner's credited service if the person retired after June 30, 1970 but prior to July 1, 1975;

provided that if the retirant or pensioner had retired, returned to service, and again retired, the person's latest retirement date shall be considered as the person's date of retirement; provided further that no special cost of living bonus as provided for in this paragraph (8) shall be paid to those retirants or pensioners who have eight or less years of credited service."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii to be expended by the department of budget and finance the sum of \$3,800,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1980-1981, for

the purposes of this Act. Of the sum appropriated, \$3,765,000 shall be expended by the department of budget and finance and \$35,000 shall be expended by the department of health. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made by this Act as of the close of business on June 30, 1981 shall lapse into the general fund.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1980.

(Approved June 18, 1980.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.