

Section 19. Withdrawal; Return to Service; Death in Service.—

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(d) Should a contributor, having attained or passed superannuation retirement age, elect, upon leaving the service of the member municipality, not to claim the retirement allowance to which he is entitled, he shall, upon written application, be paid by the board the full amount of the accumulated deductions standing to his credit in the member's account.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 458

AN ACT

HB 1565

Providing for payments to certain widows of members of the Pennsylvania State Police, the State Highway Patrol or the Pennsylvania Motor Police, and making an appropriation.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The widow of any member of the Pennsylvania State Police, the State Highway Patrol or the Pennsylvania Motor Police whose husband died prior to January 1, 1938, as a direct and proximate result of injuries received in the course of his employment, shall, commencing with the effective date of this act, and so long as she remains his widow and does not remarry, receive a monthly payment equal to fifty percent of the monthly salary of such member at the time of his death.

It shall be the duty of the Pennsylvania State Police to determine the persons entitled to payments pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Section 2. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the State Employees' Retirement Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 1965, to

June 30, 1966, for the purpose of making the payments provided for in this act and for administrative costs related thereto.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 459

AN ACT

HB 1606

Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 1053), entitled "An act relating to the regulation of public utilities; defining as public utilities certain corporations, companies, associations, and persons; providing for the regulation of public utilities, including, to a limited extent, municipalities engaging in public utility business, by prescribing, defining, and limiting their duties, powers, and liabilities, and regulating the exercise, surrender or abandonment of their powers, privileges, and franchises; defining and regulating contract carriers by motor vehicle and brokers in order to regulate effectively common carriers by motor vehicle; conferring upon the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the power and duty of supervising and regulating persons, associations, companies, and corporations, including, to a limited extent, municipal corporations subject to this act, and administering the provisions of this act; authorizing the commission to fix temporary rates; placing the burden of proof on public utilities to sustain their rates and certain other matters; authorizing a permissive or mandatory sliding scale method of regulating rates; providing for the supervision of financial and contractual relations between public utilities and affiliated interests, and supervision and regulation of accounts and securities or obligations issued, assumed, or kept by persons, associations, companies, corporations or municipal corporations subject to this act; conferring upon the commission power to vary, reform, or revise certain contracts; conferring upon the commission the exclusive power to regulate or order the construction, alteration, relocation, protection, or abolition of crossing of facilities of public utilities, and of such facilities by or over public highways, to appropriate property for the construction or improvement of such crossings, and to award or apportion resultant costs and damages; authorizing owners of such property to sue the Commonwealth for such damages; providing for ejection proceedings in connection with the appropriation of property for crossings; conferring upon the commission power to control and regulate budgets of public utilities; imposing upon persons, associations, companies, and corporations (except municipal corporations) subject to regulation, the cost of administering this act; prescribing and regulating practice and procedure before the commission and procedure for review by the courts of commission action, giving the court of common pleas of Dauphin County exclusive original jurisdiction over certain proceedings; prescribing penalties, fines, and imprisonment for violations of the provisions of this act and regulations and orders of the commission, and the procedure for enforcing such fines and penalties; and repealing legislation supplied and superseded by or inconsistent with this act," further providing for the method of fixing rates of public utilities engaged exclusively in common carriage by motor vehicle.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 311, act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 1053), known