

No. 591

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 1, 1959 (P. L. 392), entitled "An act relating to the retirement of State employes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for death benefits for certain annuitants who are receiving a disability allowance.

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

State Employes'
Retirement Code
of 1959.

Section 1. Subsection (5), section 407, act of June 1, 1959 (P. L. 392), known as the "State Employes' Retirement Code of 1959," is amended to read:

Subsection (5),
section 407, act
of June 1, 1959,
P. L. 392,
amended.

Section 407. Death Benefits.—

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(5) Should an annuitant *with less than ten (10) years of total credited service or not having accumulated one hundred (100) involuntary withdrawal credits* receiving a disability allowance die before the total allowance received for disability shall be at least equal to the amount of his accumulated deductions at the time of receiving such disability allowance, then the retirement board shall pay to the designated beneficiary or to the estate of the deceased annuitant an amount equal to the difference between the allowance actually received and the accumulated deductions at time of receiving the disability allowance. *Should an annuitant who has completed ten (10) years of total credited service or has accumulated one hundred (100) involuntary withdrawal credits receiving a disability allowance die, there shall be paid to his estate or to such person as he shall have nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the retirement board any balance of his accumulated deductions not already received as a disability allowance and the present value of a State annuity beginning at superannuation age and calculated in accordance with the applicable provisions of section 401 of this article and based upon the final average salary and years of credited service of the deceased annuitant and as prescribed in subsection 3.1 or other appropriate subsections of this section.* If such amount due to a designated beneficiary or to the deceased annuitant's estate is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and no letters have been taken out on the estate within six (6) months after death, then payment

may be made to the undertaker or to any person or political subdivision, who or which shall have paid the claim of the undertaker.

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APPROVED—The 15th day of September, A. D. 1961.

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No. 592

AN ACT

Creating an Anthracite Mine Law Study Commission for the purpose of making a study and investigation of all laws relating to underground anthracite coal mines and the preparation of a modern code relating thereto.

Anthracite Mine
Law Study Com-
mission.

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

Membership:
number, panel
representation
and appointment,
compensation
and vacancies.

Section 1. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the "Anthracite Mine Law Study Commission" which shall consist of seven members, one of whom shall be the Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries, three of whom shall represent the bargaining agent of the hard coal mining industry, and three of whom shall represent the anthracite operators. The Governor shall appoint the members representing the operators from a panel of at least five names submitted by the underground anthracite coal mine operators of the Commonwealth. The Governor shall appoint the members representing the bargaining agent of the hard coal mining industry from a panel of at least five names submitted by the collective bargaining agency for mine employes in the anthracite coal mines of the Commonwealth. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the commission shall be filled by appointment by the Governor in the same manner as original appointments are made.

Duties of
commission.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the commission to make a complete study and investigation of the existing laws of the Commonwealth relating to underground production and mining of anthracite coal for the purpose of revising, codifying and modernizing the laws to the end that miners employed in anthracite coal mines are afforded the greatest degree of protection and safety consistent with modern methods and machinery available in such industry.