

HOUSE BILL NO. 523

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFIT PAYABLE TO A RETIRED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER COVERED BY THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT; AMENDING SECTION 19-17-404, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 19-17-404, MCA, is amended to read:

"19-17-404. Amount of pension and disability benefits. (1) (a) Each eligible member must receive pension and disability benefits as provided in this section.

(b) The base pension benefit is ~~\$100~~ \$150 per month for members who are eligible for full pension benefits.

(c) Partial pension benefits are calculated by multiplying the full pension benefit ~~of \$100~~ in subsection (1)(b) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the member's years of service and the denominator of which is 20.

(2) The disability benefit paid to eligible members is calculated in the same manner as partial pension benefits described in subsection (1)(c), except that the numerator may not be less than 10."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2001.

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