
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1990

State of Washington 54th Legislature 1996 Regular Session

By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Robertson, Chappell and Delvin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to minimum retirement benefits; and amending RCW
2 43.43.277.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.277 and 1987 c 173 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The benefits provided under subsection (2) of this section
7 shall be available only to surviving spouses whose allowances commenced
8 before January 1, 1970, and who are not receiving and are not eligible
9 for federal old age, survivors, or disability benefits.

10 (2) Effective July 1, 1987, the minimum retirement benefit provided
11 pursuant to RCW 43.43.275(1) to surviving spouses who meet the
12 qualifications in subsection (1) of this section shall be twenty-three
13 dollars per month per year of service. However, the minimum benefit
14 for the surviving spouse of a member who died in service who meets the
15 qualifications in subsection (1) of this section shall be calculated
16 using twenty years of service or the member's actual years of service,
17 whichever is greater.

18 (3) Effective July 1, 1996, the minimum benefit under RCW 43.43.260
19 and 43.43.270(1) for the member or RCW 43.43.275(1) for the surviving

1 spouse shall not be less than five hundred dollars per month if the
2 member has completed at least twenty-five years of service in this
3 system.

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