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SENATE BILL 5247

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By Senators Kastama and Kohl-Welles

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- AN ACT Relating to pensions in first class cities; and amending RCW
- 2 41.20.085.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.20.085 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 181 s 6 are each 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Whenever any member of the police department of any such city shall
- 7 die, or shall have heretofore died, or whenever any such member who has
- 8 been heretofore retired or who is hereafter retired for length of
- 9 service or a disability, shall have died, or shall die, leaving a
- 10 surviving spouse or child or children under the age of eighteen years,
- 11 upon satisfactory proof of such facts made to it, the board shall order
- 12 and direct that a pension equal to ((one-third)) one-half of the amount
- 13 of salary at any time hereafter attached to the position held by such
- 14 member in the police department at the time of his <u>or her</u> death or
- 15 retirement, not to exceed ((one-third)) one-half of the salary of
- 16 captain, shall be paid to the surviving spouse during the surviving
- 17 spouse's life, ((and in addition, to the child or children, until they
- 18 are eighteen years of age, as follows: For one child, one-eighth of
- 19 the salary on which such pension is based; for two children, a total of

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one-seventh of said salary; and for three or more children, a total of 1 one-sixth of said salary)) or if there is no surviving spouse, or if 2 the surviving spouse shall die, then to the child or children until 3 4 they are eighteen years of age: PROVIDED, If such spouse or child or children marry, the person so marrying shall receive no further pension 5 from the fund. ((In case there is no surviving spouse, or if the 6 7 surviving spouse shall die, the child or children shall be entitled to 8 the spouse's share in addition to the share specified herein until they 9 reach eighteen years of age.)) No spouse shall be entitled to any 10 payments on the death of a retired officer unless such surviving spouse has been married to such officer for a period of at least five years 11 prior to the date of his or her retirement. 12

13 As of April 25, 1973, a surviving spouse not otherwise covered by 14 the provisions of section 2, chapter 78, Laws of 1959, shall be 15 entitled to a pension of three hundred dollars per month.

16 "Surviving spouse" as used in this section means surviving female 17 or male spouse.

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