Bill No. 93 of 1949.

An Act to amend The Public Service Pension Act

NOTE.

This Bill amends The Public Service Pension Act, being chapter 7 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1947

Section 2 (c) which defines employee is amended by restricting the definition to those persons who are eligible to make contributions to the Pension Fund At present if an employee dies while in the service of the Government fifteen hundred dollars is paid to his beneficiary irrespective of whether the employee was contributing to the Pension Fund or not pursuant to the provisions of section 14a of the Act The effect of the amendment is that the fifteen hundred dollars will now only be paid to the beneficiaries of those employees who were eligible to contribute to the Pension Fund and who died while in the service of the Government

Section 2 (e) which defines salary is amended to refer to rate of salary rather than amount of salary The effect of the amendment is that contributions will be made by employees to the Pension Fund based on their rate of salary rather than on the actual amount of salary which they receive Thus, persons on sick leave or leave of absence who are receiv ing less than their normal rate of salary will still continue to contribute to the Pension Fund as if they were receiving their full salary The rate of salary will, of course, also be used in computing the pension to which an employee is entitled rather than using the actual amount of salary received Thus, a person who is ill during the period when his rate of salary is the highest will have that rate used for the purpose of computing his pension even though he actually receiving an amount of salary less than his rate of salary.

Section 13 is amended. The effect of the amendment is that an employee who resigns or is dismissed and who has contributed to the Pension Fund for less than five years will receive his contributions to the Fund back but will not receive any interest. If he has contributed to the Fund for more than five years he will get back his contributions plus interest. He will receive back all of his contributions to the Fund irrespective of how long he has worked.

Section 23 is amended to add a reference to the employer of a teacher within the meaning of The Teachers' Retirement Fund Act The purpose of the amendment is to permit a reciprocal agreement between the Public Service Pension Fund and the Teachers' Retirement Fund so that when an employee is transferred from one service to the other his pensionable service may be recognized and his pension fund contributions transferred.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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(Assented to , 1949)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legis lative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows: 1 The Public Service Pension Act, being chapter 7 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1947, is hereby amended as to section 2,

- (a) by adding immediately at the end of paragraph (c) the words "and who is eligible to make contributions to the Pension Fund";
- (b) by striking out the word "amount", where the same occurs in paragraph (e) and by substituting the word "rate"

2. The said Act is further amended as to section 13,

- (a) by striking out the word "three", where the same occurs therein, and by substituting the word "five";
- (b) by striking out the word "payment" where the same occurs therein and by substituting the word "interest".

3 The said Act is further amended as to section 23 by adding immediately after the words "Alberta Government Telephones", where they occur therein the words "the employer of a teacher within the meaning of The Teachers' Retirement Fund Act,"

4 This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to, and upon so coming into force shall be deemed to have been in force at all times on and after the first day of April, 1948, with the exception of paragraph (a) of section 1 which shall be deemed to have been in force at all times on and

day of April, 1947.

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