

statement, the commissioner shall transmit the same to the state auditor, together with such check, who shall deliver the same to the state treasurer. Upon the payment of such check, the amount shall be credited to a fund to be known as "Correctional Inmates Fund", for the institution from which the same was received. All such funds shall be paid out by the state treasurer upon vouchers duly approved by the commissioner of corrections as in other cases. The commissioner may permit a contingent fund to remain in the hands of the executive officer of any such institution from which necessary expenditure may from time to time be made.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1 and section 242.38 or other law to the contrary, the commissioner of corrections may permit the inmates of the institutions under his control to deposit money in a bank or other financial institution. The commissioner shall establish rules governing the deposits and shall require each inmate to maintain at the institution in which confined an amount adequate for his needs during the period of his confinement and to assist him upon his release therefrom on parole or by discharge.

Approved April 2, 1973.

CHAPTER 70—S.F.No.233

An act relating to retirement; providing for certain benefits under the highway patrolmen's retirement law; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 352B.11, Subdivision 2.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 352B.11, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **RETIREMENT; HIGHWAY PATROLMEN; DEATH; PAYMENT TO SPOUSE AND CHILDREN.** In the event any patrolman who is a member of the association, and serving actively as a patrolman, shall die from any cause, the association shall grant annuities or benefit payments from the retirement fund to any widow who was his legally married wife, residing with him at the time of his death and who was married to him, for a period of at least one year, while or prior to the time he was an active member of the association, and to a child or children under the age of 18 years who were living while the deceased patrolman was an

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active member of the association, the widow and child or children shall be entitled to annuity as follows:

(a) To the widow, for her natural life, a monthly annuity equal to 20 percent of that portion of the average monthly salary of the decedent as a patrolman from which deductions were made for contribution to the state employees' retirement fund and highway patrolmen's retirement fund. For purposes of this clause, the monthly salary of a decedent from which such deductions were made for the period before June 4, 1969, shall be treated as \$600. If the widow remarries, the annuity shall cease as of the date of the remarriage. The widow of a patrolman who, after attaining 55 years of age elected to receive a joint and survivor annuity, shall, notwithstanding her remarriage, receive such joint and survivor annuity, for her natural life, in lieu of the widow's annuity prescribed by this subdivision. In the event such patrolman did not elect to receive a joint and survivor annuity his widow shall receive the widow's annuity provided herein.

(b) To each unmarried child, until the child reaches the age of 18 years, a monthly annuity equal to eight percent of that portion of the average monthly salary of the decedent as a patrolman from which deductions were made for contribution to the state employees' retirement fund and highway patrolmen's retirement fund. For purposes of this clause, the monthly salary of a decedent from which such deductions were made for the period before June 4, 1969, shall be treated as \$600. In addition, the association shall make a payment of \$20 per month to be prorated equally to such children when the patrolman is survived by one or more children. Payments for the benefit of any qualified dependent child under the age of 18 years shall be made to the widow, or if there be none, to the legal guardian of such child. The maximum monthly benefit shall not exceed ~~\$200~~ \$400 for any number of children. The provisions of this clause are effective retroactively to March 1, 1967; provided that the increase in the maximum monthly benefit shall not take effect until July 1, 1973; and provided further that the increase in the maximum monthly benefit from \$200 to \$400 shall not be effective retroactively.

(c) In the event that a patrolman died after July 1, 1943, and prior to the effective date of Laws 1957, Chapter 869, who, at the time of his death was an active member of the association and who was survived by his widow, such widow shall receive during the time she remains unmarried an amount in the sum of 23 percent of the salary of the highest paid patrol officer as defined by law, per month for her natural life, to be paid monthly by the association commencing upon the effective date of Laws 1957, Chapter 869.

(d) If the patrolman shall die under circumstances which entitle his widow and dependent children to receive benefits under

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the Workmen's Compensation Law, the amounts so received by them shall not be deducted from the benefits payable under this section. The provisions of this clause are effective retroactively to June 30, 1964.

(e) In the event any patrolman who had separated from service prior to having completed 20 years of service except patrolmen permanently disabled in performance of duty and was not employed as a patrolman at the time of his death, his widow and children or heirs shall be entitled to receive any funds he may have left on deposit in the highway patrolmen's retirement fund, but shall receive no further benefits under Laws 1957, Chapter 869.

Approved April 2, 1973.

CHAPTER 71—S.F.No.700

An act relating to the public examiner; examination of school district records pursuant to petition by freeholders; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 215.19.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 215.19, is amended to read:

215.19 PUBLIC EXAMINER; SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS; EXAMINATION OF MUNICIPAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO PETITION BY FREEHOLDERS. The freeholders of any city, borough, village, or town may petition the public examiner to examine the books, records, accounts, and affairs of any such city, borough, village, town, or of any organizational unit, activity, project, enterprise, or fund thereof; and the scope of the examination may be limited by the petition, but such examination shall cover, at least, all cash received and disbursed and the transactions relating thereto, provided that the public examiner shall not examine more than the six latest years preceding the circulation of the petition, unless it appears to the public examiner during his examination that the audit period should be extended to permit a full recovery under bonds furnished by public officers or employees, and may if it appears to him in the public interest confine the period or the scope of audit or both period and scope of audit, to less than that requested by the petition. When the population of any such city, borough, village, or town is not more than 2,000, the

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