

CHAPTER 352B

STATE TROOPERS, RETIREMENT

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352B.01 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 10, see M.S.1988]

Subd. 11. **Average salary.** "Average monthly salary" means the average of the highest monthly salaries for five years of service as a member. Average monthly salary must be based upon all allowable service if this service is less than five years. It does not include any amounts of severance pay or any reduced salary paid during the period the person is entitled to workers' compensation benefit payments for temporary disability.

History: 1989 c 319 art 13 s 24

352B.03 OFFICERS, DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Officers.** The policy-making, management, and administrative functions governing the operation of the state patrol retirement fund are vested in the board of directors and executive director of the Minnesota state retirement system with duties, authority, and responsibility as provided in chapter 352. Fiduciary activities of the fund must be undertaken in a manner consistent with chapter 356A.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1988]

History: 1989 c 319 art 8 s 13

352B.08 BENEFITS.

Subdivision 1. **Who is eligible; when to apply; accrual.** Every member who is credited with three or more years of allowable service is entitled to separate from state service and upon becoming 55 years old, is entitled to receive a life annuity, upon separation from state service. Members shall apply for an annuity in a form and manner prescribed by the executive director. No application may be made more than 60 days before the date the member is eligible to retire by reason of both age and service requirements. An annuity begins to accrue no earlier than 90 days before the date the application is filed with the executive director.

Subd. 2. **Normal retirement annuity.** The annuity must be paid in monthly installments. The annuity shall be equal to the amount determined by multiplying the average monthly salary of the member by 2-1/2 percent for each year and pro rata for completed months of service.

Subd. 2a. **Early retirement.** Any member who has attained the age of at least 50 and who has at least five years of allowable service is entitled upon application to a retirement annuity equal to the normal annuity calculated under subdivision 2, reduced so that the reduced annuity is the actuarial equivalent of the annuity that would be payable if the member deferred receipt of the annuity from the day the annuity begins to accrue to age 55.

Subd. 3. **Optional annuity forms.** In lieu of the single life annuity provided in subdivision 2, the member or former member with five years or more of service may elect an optional annuity form. The board of the Minnesota state retirement system shall establish a joint and survivor annuity, payable to a designated beneficiary for life, adjusted to the actuarial equivalent value of the single life annuity. The board shall also establish an additional optional annuity with an actuarial equivalent value of the

single life annuity in the form of a joint and survivor annuity which provides that the elected annuity be reinstated to the single life annuity provided in subdivision 2, if after commencing the elected joint and survivor annuity, the designated beneficiary dies before the member, which reinstatement is not retroactive but takes effect for the first full month occurring after the death of the designated beneficiary. The board may also establish other actuarial equivalent value optional annuity forms. In establishing actuarial equivalent value optional annuity forms, each optional annuity form shall have the same present value as a regular single life annuity using the mortality table adopted by the board and the interest assumption specified in section 356.215, subdivision 4d, and the board shall obtain the written recommendation of the commission-retained actuary. These recommendations shall be a part of the permanent records of the board.

History: 1989 c 319 art 1 s 10; art 13 s 25; art 17 s 6,7

352B.10 DISABILITY BENEFITS.

Subdivision 1. Injuries, payment amounts. Any member less than 55 years old, who becomes disabled and physically or mentally unfit to perform duties as a direct result of an injury, sickness, or other disability incurred in or arising out of any act of duty, shall receive disability benefits while disabled. The benefits must be paid in monthly installments equal to the member's average monthly salary multiplied by 50 percent, plus an additional 2-1/2 percent for each year and pro rata for completed months of service in excess of 20 years, if any.

Subd. 2. Under 55; disabled while not on duty. If a member terminates employment after at least one year of service, before reaching the age of 55, because of sickness or injury occurring while not on duty and not engaged in state work entitling the member to membership, and the termination is necessary because the member cannot perform duties, the member is entitled to receive a disability benefit. The benefit must be in the same amount and computed in the same way as if the member were 55 years old at the date of disability and the annuity were paid under section 352B.08. If disability under this clause occurs after one but before 15 years service, the disability benefit must be computed as though the member had 15 years service.

[For text of subs 3 and 4, see M.S.1988]

Subd. 5. Optional annuity. A disabled member may, in lieu of survivorship coverage under section 352B.11, subdivision 2, choose the normal disability benefit or an optional annuity as provided in section 352B.08, subdivision 2. The choice of an optional annuity must be made before commencement of payment of the disability benefit. It is effective on the date on which the disability benefit begins to accrue.

History: 1989 c 319 art 1 s 11; art 17 s 8,9

352B.11 RETIREES.

Subdivision 1. Refund of payments. A member who has not received other benefits under this chapter is entitled to a refund of payments made by salary deduction, plus interest, if the member is separated, either voluntarily or involuntarily, from state service that entitled the member to membership. In the event of the member's death, the member's estate is entitled to the refund. Interest must be computed at the rate of six percent a year, compounded annually. To receive a refund, the member must apply on a form prescribed by the executive director.

Subd. 2. Death; payment to spouse and children. If a member serving actively as a member, a member receiving the disability benefit provided by section 352B.10, subdivision 1, or a former member receiving a disability benefit as provided by section 352B.10, subdivision 2, dies from any cause, the surviving spouse and dependent children are entitled to benefit payments as follows:

(a) A member with at least three years of allowable service is deemed to have elected a 100 percent joint and survivor annuity payable to a surviving spouse only on or after the date the member or former member became or would have become 55.

(b) The surviving spouse of a member who had credit for less than three years of service shall receive, for life, a monthly annuity equal to 50 percent of that part of the average monthly salary of the member from which deductions were made for retirement. If the surviving spouse remarries, the annuity shall cease as of the date of the remarriage.

(c) The surviving spouse of a member who had credit for at least three years service and who died after attaining 55 years of age, may elect to receive a 100 percent joint and survivor annuity, for life, notwithstanding a subsequent remarriage, in lieu of the annuity prescribed in paragraph (b).

(d) The surviving spouse of any member who had credit for three years or more and who was not 55 years of age at death, shall receive the benefit equal to 50 percent of the average monthly salary as described in clause (b) until the deceased member would have reached the age of 55 years, and beginning the first of the month following that date, may elect to receive the 100 percent joint and survivor annuity. If the surviving spouse remarries before the deceased member's 55th birthdate, benefits or annuities shall cease as of the date of remarriage. Remarriage after the deceased member's 55th birthday shall not affect the payment of the benefit.

(e) Each dependent child shall receive a monthly annuity equal to ten percent of that part of the average monthly salary of the former member from which deductions were made for retirement. A dependent child over 18 and under 23 years of age also may receive the monthly benefit provided in this section, if the child is continuously attending an accredited school as a full-time student during the normal school year as determined by the director. If the child does not continuously attend school but separates from full-time attendance during any part of a school year, the annuity shall cease at the end of the month of separation. In addition, a payment of \$20 per month shall be prorated equally to surviving dependent children when the former member is survived by one or more dependent children. Payments for the benefit of any qualified dependent child must be made to the surviving spouse, or if there is none, to the legal guardian of the child. The maximum monthly benefit must not be less than 50 nor exceed 70 percent of the average monthly salary for any number of children.

(f) If the member dies under circumstances that entitle the surviving spouse and dependent children to receive benefits under the workers' compensation law, the workers' compensation benefits received by them must not be deducted from the benefits payable under this section.

(g) The surviving spouse of a deceased former member who had credit for three or more years of allowable service, but not the spouse of a former member receiving a disability benefit under section 352B.10, subdivision 2, is entitled to receive the 100 percent joint and survivor annuity at the time the deceased member would have reached the age of 55 years, if the surviving spouse has not remarried before that date. If a former member dies who does not qualify for other benefits under this chapter, the surviving spouse or, if none, the children or heirs are entitled to a refund of the accumulated deductions left in the fund plus interest at the rate of six percent per year compounded annually.

[For text of subs 2a to 4, see M.S.1988]

History: 1989 c 319 art 1 s 12; art 13 s 26,27; art 17 s 10

352B.30 COVERAGE BY MORE THAN ONE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR ASSOCIATION.

Subdivision 1. Entitlement to annuity. Any person who has been an employee covered by the Minnesota state retirement system, or a member of the public employees retirement association including the public employees retirement association police and firefighters' fund, or the teachers retirement association, or the state patrol retirement fund, or any other public employee retirement system in Minnesota having a like provision but excluding all other funds providing benefits for police or firefighters is entitled when qualified to an annuity from each fund if total allowable service in all

funds or in any two of these funds totals three or more years. No part of the allowable service upon which the retirement annuity from one fund is based may again be used in the computation for benefits from another fund. The member must not have taken a refund from any one of these funds since service entitling the member to coverage under the system or membership in any of the associations last terminated. The annuity from each fund must be determined by the appropriate law except that the requirement that a person must have at least three years allowable service in the respective system or association does not apply for the purposes of this section if the combined service in two or more of these funds equals three or more years.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1988]

History: 1989 c 319 art 13 s 28