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1 BILL NO. INTRODUCED BY 2 "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION A BILL FOR AN ACT 4 ENTITLED: 11-2022, R.C.M. 1947, то INCREASE THE LIMITS UPON 5 COMPENSATION WHICH MAY BE PAID TO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN FOR 6 DISABILITY INCURRED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY; AND 7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE." 8 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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21 ar--If--confined--to--a--hospitaly--the--actual-cost-of
22 hospitalizationy--and--the--reasonable--charges--of--a--duly
23 licensed--physician--or--surgeony-not-to-exceed-two-thousand
24 five-hundred-dollars-(627500)\*

25 by-If-not-confined-to-a-hospitaly-the-actual-reasonable

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1	charges-of-a-auly-licensedphysicianorsurgeon7notto
2	exceed-seven-hunared-fifty-dollars-{6750}.
3	cIfconfinedtohishomeandsuch-confinement
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6	charges-of-a-duly-licensedphysicianorsurgeonynotto
7	exceed-one-thousand-seven-hundred-fifty-dollars-(61,750) $\tau$ in
8	the amount of his necessary and reasonable medical expenses
9 <sup>′</sup>	resulting directly from such disability, and incurred within
10	a period of not more than thirty-six (36) months from the
11	date of the injury which caused such disability, not to
12	exceed a total of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).
13	2. Where an injury incurred in line of such duty
14	results in the loss by amputation of an arm, hand, leg or
15	foot, or the enucleation of an eye, or the loss of any of
16	the natural teeth, the board shall order them an artificial
17	member or members be furnished to supply the loss thereof.
18	The expense of furnishing such members shall not exceed the
19	following-amounts:-Hand-or-arm-to-cloowy-twohundredfifty
20	dollars(\$250);armabovecibow;threehundred-dollars
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22	twenty-fivedollars{\$25};-teeth;-one-hundred-seventy-five
23	dellars-(4175) sum of one thousand five hundred dollars
24	(\$1,500). The replacement of an artificial member so
25	furnished shall be required every five (5) years, if
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3. To aid in defraying funeral expenses of a fireman
covered under this act whose death occurs in line of duty,
an amount not to exceed the sum-of-two-hundred-fifty-dellars
(\$250) actual necessary and reasonable expenses, or the sum
of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), whichever is
less, shall be allowed.

8 4. To encourage and aid volunteer fire departments to 9 maintain group insurance for benefits on account of death or 10 injury incurred by members while in the performance of duties as volunteer firemen, the sum of fifty-dollars-(650) 11 12 seventy-five dollars (\$75) per year for each mobile unit of 13 fire-fighting equipment, not exceeding two (2) such units in number for any such department, shall be paid to each 14 15 volunteer fire department maintaining such insurance, or to 16 the organization or agency maintaining such insurance for 17 any such volunteer fire department.

5. In the case of every volunteer fireman who shall 18 19 meet the qualification requirements set forth in 20 subparagraph two (2) of section 11-2023, and then if the 21 claim provided for under subparagraph two (2) of section 11-2024 shall be completed and filed, the claimant shall be 22 entitled thereafter to participate in the volunteer 23 24 firemen's pension plan as provided in this act, and to 25 receive payments thereunder computed each year in the

following manner. Whenever at the close of business on the 1 2 last day of any fiscal year there shall be a balance in the volunteer fireman's compensation earmarked revenue account ٦ in the earmarked revenue fund in excess of one million 4 5 dollars (\$1,000,000) then the industrial accident board ń shall set aside and pay over to the public employees' 7 retirement system, the smaller of such amount in excess of 8 one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or an amount equal to ninety-five percent (95%) of the increase of said account 9 10 balance over the account balance at the end of the preceding 11 fiscal year, for the payment by said public employees' 12 retirement system of pensions to qualified claimants during 13 the immediately succeeding fiscal year. The amount to be paid to each qualifying claimant shall be determined by 14 15 dividing said amount set aside by the number of claimants qualifying to participate in such pension plan at the 16 beginning of such succeeding fiscal year. If such amount set 17 18 aside shall be sufficient to pay each such qualified 19 claimant at least twenty dollars (\$20) per month throughout 20 such succeeding fiscal year, then such pension shall be paid 21 monthly, on or before the last day of each month of such 22 succeeding fiscal year; but if said amount set aside shall 23 not be sufficient to pay each qualified claimant at least 24 twenty dollars (\$20) per month, then each qualified 25 claimant's full pension for that year shall be paid to him

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in one lump payment on or before the fifteenth day of 1 2 December of such year; provided, however, that in any event 3 the total pension payable hereunder to any gualified claimant shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) per 4 5 month, and the amount to be set aside hereunder from the volunteer fireman's compensation earmarked revenue account б 7 in the earmarked revenue fund at the beginning of any fiscal 8 year for the funding of such pensions shall not in any event . 9 exceed the amount necessary to pay such maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per month to each claimant qualified as of the 10 11 beginning of such fiscal year. For the purpose of computation and payment of benefits under this act, if 12 13 children of any volunteer fireman shall become eligible for 14 benefits hereunder, then all children of such volunteer 15 fireman shall be treated collectively as one (1) claimant. 16 The fiscal year for the purpose of this act shall begin on the first day of July of each year and end on the last day 17 18 of June of each year."

19 Section 2. This act is effective on its passage and20 approval.

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Approved by Committee on State Administration

BILL NO. 482 1 INTRODUCED BY 2 3 "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: 4 1947. INCREASE THE LIMITS UPON R.C.M. CΤ 11-2022, 5 COMPENSATION WHICH MAY BE PAID TO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN FOR 6 DISABILITY INCURRED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY; AND 7 8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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25 by-If-not-confined-to-a-hospitaly-the-actual-reasonable

SECOND READING

1 charges-of-a-duly-licensed--physician--or--surgeon,--not--to exceed-seven-hundred-fifty-dollars-467501-2 er--If--confined--to--his--homer--and--such-confinement 3 necessitates-the--services-of--a--nurser--then--the--actual 4 5 charges--of--such--nursey--together--with--actual-reasonable charges-of-a-duly-licensed--physician--or--surgeon,--not--to 6 7 exceed-one-thousand-seven-hundred-fifty-dollars-{61,750}, in 8 the amount of his necessary and reasonable medical expenses resulting directly from such disability, and incurred within g 10 a period of not more than thirty-six (36) months from the date of the injury which caused such disability, not to 11 exceed a total of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). 12 2. Where an injury incurred in line of such duty 13 14 results in the loss by amputation of an arm, hand, leg or 15 foot, or the enucleation of an eye, or the loss of any of the natural teeth, the board shall order them an artificial 16 17 member or members be furnished to supply the loss thereof. 18 The expense of furnishing such members shall not exceed the 19 following-amounts:-Hand-or-arm-to-clbowy-two--hundred--fifty 20 dollars--{\$250};--arm--above--elbow;--three--hundred-dollars 21 +6300);-foot-or-lcg;-two-hundred-fifty-dollars-+6250);--cyc; 22 twenty-five--dollars--(823);-teeth;-one-hundred-seventy-five dollars-(\$175) sum of one thousand five hundred dollars 23 The replacement of an artificial memoer so 24 (\$1,500). 25 furnished shall be required every five (5) years, if

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3. To aid in defraying funeral expenses of a fireman
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an amount not to exceed the sum-of-two-hundred-fifty-dellars
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5. In the case of every volunteer fireman who shall 18 the qualification requirements set forth in 19 meet subparagraph two (2) of section 11-2023, and then if the 20 claim provided for under subparagraph two (2) of section 21 11-2024 shall be completed and filed, the claimant shall be 22 entitled thereafter to participate in the volunteer 23 firemen's pension plan as provided in this act, and to 24 receive payments thereunder computed each year in the 25

following manner. Whenever at the close of business on the 1 last day of any fiscal year there shall be a balance in the 2 volunteer fireman's compensation earmarked revenue account 3 in the earmarked revenue fund in excess of one million 4 dollars (\$1,000,000) then the industrial accident board 5 shall set aside and pay over to the public employees' 6 retirement system, the smaller of such amount in excess of 7 one million dollars (\$1.000,000), or an amount equal to 8 ninety-five percent (95%) of the increase of said account 9 10 balance over the account balance at the end of the preceding 11 fiscal year, for the payment by said public employees' retirement system of pensions to qualified claimants during 12 13 the immediately succeeding fiscal year. The amount to be paid to each qualifying claimant shall be determined by 14 15 dividing said amount set aside by the number of claimants qualifying to participate in such pension plan at the 16 17 beginning of such succeeding fiscal year. If such amount set 18 aside shall be sufficient to pay each such qualified 19 claimant at least twenty dollars (\$20) per month throughout such succeeding fiscal year, then such pension shall be paid 20 21 monthly, on or before the last day of each month of such 22 succeeding fiscal year; but if said amount set aside shall not be sufficient to pay each gualified claimant at least 23 24 twenty dollars (\$20) per month, then each qualified claimant's full pension for that year shall be paid to him 25

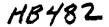
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in one lump payment on or before the fifteenth day of 1 2 December of such year; provided, however, that in any event 3 the total pension payable hereunder to any qualified 4 claimant shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) per 5 month, and the amount to be set aside hereunder from the б volunteer fireman's compensation earmarked revenue account 7 in the earmarked revenue fund at the beginning of any fiscal 8 year for the funding of such pensions shall not in any event exceed the amount necessary to pay such maximum of fifty 9 dollars (\$50) per month to each claimant qualified as of the 10 11 beginning of such fiscal year. For the purpose of computation and payment of benefits under this act, if 12 13 children of any volunteer fireman shall become eligible for 14 penefits hereunder, then all children of such volunteer 15 firemar shall be treated collectively as one (1) claimant. 16 The fiscal year for the purpose of this act shall begin on 17 the first day of July of each year and end on the last day of June of each year." 18

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1 in one lump payment on or before the fifteenth day of 2 December of such year; provided, however, that in any event the total pension payable hereunder to any qualified 3 claimant shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) per 4 month, and the amount to be set aside hereunder from the 5 ő volunteer fireman's compensation earmarked revenue account in the earmarked revenue fund at the beginning of any fiscal 7 8 year for the funding of such pensions shall not in any event 9 exceed the amount necessary to pay such maximum of fifty 10 dollars (\$50) per month to each claimant qualified as of the 11 beginning of such fiscal year. For the purpose of 12 computation and payment of benefits under this act, if children of any volunteer fireman shall become eligible for 13 14 penefits hereunder, then all children of such volunteer 15 fireman shall be treated collectively as one (1) claimant. The fiscal year for the purpose of this act shall begin on 16 17 the first day of July of each year and end on the last day 18 of June of each year."

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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 482
2	INTRODUCED BY MULAR, ELLIS, LORY, BARRETT, BRAND, HARPER,
3	LUEBECK, QUILICI, MENAHAN, GOULD
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION
6	11-2022, R.C.M. 1947, TO INCREASE THE LIMITS UPON
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20	services of a physician or surgeon, while confined or
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