## SENATE BILL NO. 81

INTRODUCED BY LYNCH, JACOBSON, STIMATZ, BLAYLOCK, QUILICI, PAVLOVICH, HARRINGTON, FULLER, HARP, NEUMAN, KEYSER, MENAHAN, ROUSH, JACOBSEN, DAILY, NORMAN, ECK, THOMAS, STORY, HALLIGAN, MARKS, STOBIE, HAZELBAKER, LANE, LEE, HAFFEY

## IN THE SENATE

| January 7, 1983   | Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations. |
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| January 8, 1983   | Fiscal note requested.  |
| January 13, 1983  | Fiscal note returned.   |
| January 21, 1983  | Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.                       |
| January 22, 1983  | Bill printed and placed on members' desks.                              |
| January 24, 1983  | Second reading, do pass.  |
| January 25, 1983  | Correctly engrossed.  |
| January 26, 1983  | Third reading, passed. Ayes, 46; Noes, 2. Transmitted to House.         |
| IN THE HOUSE      |   |
| January 27, 1983  | Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.           |
| February 5, 1983  | Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.               |
| February 8, 1983  | Second reading, concurred in.   |
| February 10, 1983 | Third reading, concurred in.  |

## IN THE SENATE

February 11, 1983

Returned to Senate. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 19-12-404, MCA, is amended to read: \*19-12-404. Pension benefits. (1) Each person who meets the requirements set forth in 19-12-401 or, in the case of a beneficiary, 19-12-405(1) and who has completed and filed a claim as provided in 19-12-403 is entitled to participate in the volunteer firefighters' pension plan and to receive payments as provided in this section.

- (2) The payments shall be computed each year in the following manner:
- (a) Whenever at the close of business on the last day of, a fiscal year there is a balance in the volunteer firefighters fund in excess of \$1 million, the division shall set aside and pay over to the public employees\* retirement system the smaller of the amount in excess of \$1 million and an amount equal to 95% of the increase of the

balance over the balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year for the payment by the public employees' retirement system of pensions to qualified claimants during the immediately succeeding fiscal year. The amount to be paid to each qualifying claimant shall be determined by dividing the amount set aside by the number of claimants qualifying to participate in the pension plan at the beginning of such succeeding fiscal year.

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- (c) For the purpose of computation and payment of benefits under this section, if children of a volunteer firefighter become eligible for benefits, all the children of the volunteer firefighter shall be treated collectively as one claimant.
- (3) If the amount set aside is sufficient to pay each qualified claimant at least \$20 per month throughout the succeeding fiscal year, the pension shall be paid monthly on or before the last day of each month. If the amount set aside is not sufficient to pay each qualified claimant at

- 1 least \$20 per month, each qualified claimant's full pension
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#### STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. \_\_061-83

## FISCAL NOTE

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| In compliance with a written request received <u>January 8</u> , 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for <u>Senate Bill 81</u> pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).  Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request. |  |
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| DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:  Senate Bill 81 is an act changing the amount of the maximum benefit for retiring volunteer fire fighters of unincorporated areas with 20 years of service from \$100 per month to \$200 per month.   |  |
| ASSUMPTIONS:   |  |
| 1) Total henefits in any year is limited to 95% of the increase in the accets of   |  |

# FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

## LONG RANGE EFFECT:

the previous years.

This bill will not result in any significant increase in benefits during the biennium, however, somewhere down the road there will be a year that benefits will be increased followed by a year of reduced benefits.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-13-83

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