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## CHAPTER 505.

AN ACT to create chapter 423, laws of 1923, section 1, (60) (h), relating to retirement provisions for firemen in cities of the first class who were in military service.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Chapter 423, laws of 1923, section 1, (60) (h) is created to read:

(Chapter 423, Laws of 1923) Section 1, (60) (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other subsection of this section, no fireman whose service was interrupted by reason of a military leave of absence, and who subsequently was reinstated to his former position in the department, shall have any of his rights, or his widow's or children's rights to annuity or any other benefits provided by the fund, reduced, diminished, abridged or in any way decreased by reason of the absence of regular contributions to the fund from payment of salary during the period he was on military leave of absence and every such fireman, who was so on military leave of absence and who was reinstated to his former position as aforesaid in compliance with statutory provisions governing such reinstatement, shall enjoy all of the privileges and rights to annuities or benefits provided by the fund, and his widow and children shall enjoy all of the rights to annuity and other benefits provided by the fund in the same way and to the same extent and degree that such rights to annuities and other benefits provided by the fund are provided for firemen in continuous service in the department without interruption by reason of military leave of absence, and his widow and children shall also have all of the rights to annuities and other benefits provided by the fund as is provided for the widows and children of firemen whose service was not interrupted by reason of military leave of absence; and no such fireman whose service was interrupted by military leave of absence and who was reinstated to his former position as provided by law, shall be required to pay into the fund the amount which he would have contributed to the fund if his service had not been interrupted by military leave of absence, or any part thereof to establish such credits for himself, widow, and children in the fund as would have been established for him if his service had not been interrupted by reason of military leave of absence. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to veterans of all future wars in which the United States of America may engage.

Approved July 18, 1949.