



General Assembly

**Raised Bill No. 5468**

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LCO No. 1431

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PENSION BENEFIT  
REDUCTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Any municipality or subdivision [thereof] of a municipality may,  
4 by ordinance, establish pension and retirement systems for its officers  
5 and employees and their beneficiaries, or amend any special act  
6 concerning its pension or retirement system, toward the maintenance  
7 in sound condition of a retirement fund or funds, provided the rights  
8 or benefits granted to any individual under any municipal retirement  
9 or pension system shall not be diminished or eliminated.  
10 Notwithstanding any provision of section 7-474, this subsection shall  
11 not be construed to permit a municipality or subdivision of a  
12 municipality, through its legislative body or any other board, to  
13 diminish or eliminate the rights or benefits granted to any employee or  
14 retiree under a municipal retirement or pension system through the  
15 collective bargaining process.

16 (b) The legislative body of any such municipality, by a two-thirds  
17 vote, may provide for pensions to persons, including survivors'  
18 benefits for widows of such persons, not included in such retirement  
19 or pension system.

20 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of  
21 special act 01-1, subsection (a) of section 7-450 of the general statutes,  
22 as amended by section 1 of this act, shall not be construed to permit a  
23 municipality or subdivision of a municipality, through its legislative  
24 body or any other board, to diminish or eliminate the rights or benefits  
25 granted to any employee or retiree under a municipal retirement or  
26 pension system through the collective bargaining process.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit municipalities from diminishing or eliminating pension or retirement benefits provided to employees and retirees, regardless of whether the employees and retirees are covered by collective bargaining.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*