



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5468

February Session, 2002

**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 Section 7-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 any such municipality or any subdivision of
12 any such municipality, through its legislative body or any other board,
13 to diminish or eliminate through the collective bargaining process the
14 rights or benefits granted to any retiree under a municipal retirement
15 or pension system.

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 that has, by ordinance,
24 established a pension or retirement system for its officers and
25 employees and their beneficiaries, through its legislative body or any
26 other board, to diminish or eliminate through the collective bargaining
27 process the rights or benefits granted to any retiree under such
28 municipal retirement or pension system.

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

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