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1957, No. 49

An Act to amend the Fire Services Act 1949

[24 October 1957]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Fire Services Amendment Act 1957, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Fire Services Act 1949 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Grants on retirement or death of employees of Urban Fire Authorities—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section forty, the following section:

“40A. (1) On the retirement from the service of any Urban Fire Authority of any employee who has had not less than ten years’ continuous service with that Urban Fire Authority, or not less than fifteen years’ continuous service with that Urban Fire Authority and one or more other Urban Fire Authorities, that Urban Fire Authority may pay to him by way of gratuity an amount not exceeding an amount equal to six months’ pay at the rate payable to him at the time of his retirement.

“(2) On the death of any such employee (whether before or after his retirement, but before he has received a gratuity

under subsection one of this section) the Urban Fire Authority may pay to his dependants or any of them by way of gratuity an amount not exceeding an amount equal to six months' pay at the rate payable to him at the time of his retirement or (if he died before retirement) at the time of his death.

“(3) For the purposes of this section service with an Urban Fire Authority shall be deemed to include service with any other Urban Fire Authority which was the predecessor of that Urban Fire Authority; and an Urban Fire Authority shall be deemed to be the predecessor of another Urban Fire Authority in any case where on its dissolution or in any other circumstances, its functions or any of its functions have been transferred to that other Urban Fire Authority.

“(4) After the commencement of this section, no person shall receive more than one gratuity under this section by reason of his employment in the fire service.”

(2) Section six of the Finance Act (No. 2) 1941, as amended by section eighty-six of the principal Act, is hereby further amended by omitting the words “Urban Fire Authority”.

(3) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the Fifth Schedule.

3. Power of local authority to levy rates—(1) Section fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection one, and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) In order to raise any amount required to be contributed by it towards the annual expenditure of an Urban Fire Authority, or any amount which it has to pay to such an Authority or to an industrial fire brigade under an agreement for the protection of any area or property in its district from fire, any local authority may either pay the same out of its General Account or make and levy for that purpose a separate rate on the rateable property in the part of its district which is included in the district of the Urban Fire Authority, or which includes any area or property so protected, or (if the local authority so decides) on the value of the improvements on that rateable property.”

(2) Section twenty-three of the Fire Services Amendment Act 1953 is hereby consequentially repealed.
