

and

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Pope (Tim), Toure, Tyler,
Roach, Pettigrew, Gilbert,
Hiatt, Miller, O'Neal,
Liotta and Ostrander of the
House

An Act relating to retirement; amending 11 O.S. 1991,
Section 49-111, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
80, O.S.L. 1993 (11 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 49-
111), which relates to sickness or temporary
disability of certain municipal firefighters;
extending certain period of salary continuation for
burn-related injuries; providing an effective date;
and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 1991, Section 49-111, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 80, O.S.L. 1993 (11 O.S. Supp. 1996,
Section 49-111), is amended to read as follows:

Section 49-111. A. Whenever any member of the fire department
of any municipality, on account of sickness or temporary disability,
other than a burn injury, caused or sustained while in the discharge
of the member's duty as such member, is unable to perform the
member's duties, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 11 and
12 of Title 85 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the salary shall be paid by
the municipality to the member and shall continue while the member
is sick or temporarily disabled for a period of not more than six
(6) months with the municipality having the option of extending the
period for up to an additional six (6) months, not to exceed a total
of twelve (12) months, after which period the provisions for
disability benefits under the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and
Retirement System shall apply.

B. Whenever any member of the fire department of any
municipality, on account of a burn injury, caused or sustained while
in the discharge of the member's duty as such member, is unable to
perform the member's duties, notwithstanding the provisions of
Sections 11 and 12 of Title 85 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the salary
shall be paid by the municipality to the member and shall continue
while the member is sick or temporarily disabled for a period of not
more than twelve (12) months with the municipality having the option

of extending the period for up to an additional six (6) months, not to exceed a total of eighteen (18) months, after which said period the provisions for disability benefits under the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System shall apply.

C. Should a member receiving a salary under this section be eligible to receive, and should the salary of the member under this section exceed any temporary disability benefit paid to the member under Section 1 et seq. of Title 85 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the member shall transfer such temporary disability benefits under Section 1 et seq. of Title 85 of the Oklahoma Statutes to the municipality while the member is sick or temporarily disabled.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.