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Sec. 5505.17 (1185-17). Pension upon retirement.

Upon retirement, a member of the state highway pairol pension system shall be granted a monthly pension equivalent to fifty per *** cent of his monthly salary, based upon his earnings at *** the highest salary for any five *** years, consecutive or *** nonconsecutive, payable monthly to such member during his lifetime.

For each year served by an *** employee in excess of twenty years, an additional one and one-half per *** cent of such monthly salary shall be paid ***. Such pension shall not exceed sixty-six per *** cent of such salary.

A member *** who has served fitteen or more years as a member of the state highway patrol, and who is discharged from *** the patrol for any reason other than dishonesty, cowardice, intemperate habits, or conviction of a felony, shall receive a monthly pension, in an amount equal to one and one-half per cent of his average monthly salary for the five year period immediately preceding his discharge from the *** patrol multiplied by the number of full years *** he was in the active service of *** such patrol ***. Such pension payments shall not commence until *** the member has attained the age of fifty-two years, and until twenty years have elapsed from the date on which he became a full time *** employee in *** the patrol.

A widow of a deceased member *** shall receive a pension of sixty dollars per month during her life, or until she remarries, if such widow was married to the deceased member while he was in the active service of the *** patrol.

Each surviving child of a deceased member shall receive a pension of thirty dollars per month until such child attains the age of eighteen years, or marries, whichever event occurs first ***. If a deceased member leaves a widow and more than three children eligible for pension payments, such children shall receive a pension of ninety dollars per month, to be divided equally among them ***. If a deceased member leaves no widow and more than five children eligible for pension payments, such children shall receive a pension of one hundred *** fifty dollars per month, to be divided equally among them.

If a deceased member leaves no widow or surviving *** children. but leaves two parents dependent upon him for support, each parent shall be paid a monthly pension of thirty dollars ***. If in such case, there is only one parent dependent upon him for support, such parent shall be paid a monthly pension of sixty dollars. *** Such pension *** shall be paid during the life of the surviving *** parents, or until dependency ceases, or until remarriage, whichever event occurs first.