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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

## **Act No. 7 of 2017**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50

*[Assented to 12th June, 2017]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment  
follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Fire Service Short title  
(Amendment) Act, 2017.

Fifth Schedule  
amended  
Chap. 35:50

2. The Fire Service Act is amended in the Fifth Schedule in clause 3, by inserting after subclause (7), the following subclauses:

“Eligibility  
for pension  
for service in  
an acting  
capacity

(7A) A fire officer who—

(a) has acted in a higher office for a continuous period of at least three years immediately prior to the date—

(i) of his compulsory retirement; or

(ii) on which he proceeds on annual leave before the date of his compulsory retirement,

shall be eligible to have his pension, gratuity or other allowance calculated as if he were substantively appointed to that higher office; and

(b) satisfies the requirements in paragraph (a) shall be required to pay in addition to the contribution payable in his substantive office, arrears of contribution calculated on the basis of the pay he would have received in that higher office had he been substantively appointed.

(7B) The arrears of contribution which is payable under subclause (7A)(b) shall be—

(a) determined on the basis of the pay the fire officer would have received in that higher office for each year in respect of which he acted continuously; and

(b) deducted as a lump sum from the gratuity payable to the fire officer where practicable or from the fire officer's pension in equal monthly installments over a period to be determined by the Comptroller of Accounts.

(7C) Subclauses (7A) and (7B) shall apply to fire officers in the First Division and the Second Division who compulsorily retire or who had compulsorily retired from the Fire Service on, or after 1st January, 2008.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 21st day of April, 2017.

**J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL**

*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 25th day of May, 2017.

**B. CAESAR**

*Clerk of the Senate (Ag.)*