

ACT 18

S.B. NO. 615

A Bill for an Act Relating to Reemployment of Retired Patient Employees of the Department of Health.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 326-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec.326-23 Pensions for patient employees at hospitals, etc. All patient employees or patient laborers at every hospital, settlement, and place maintained for the treatment and care of persons affected with leprosy shall be entitled, upon retirement after twenty years or more service with the department of health, at the

hospital, settlement, or place, to a pension, payable monthly, in an amount which shall be equal to sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of the wage or salary which the patient was receiving at the time of retirement, or to a pension, payable monthly, in an amount which shall be equal to sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of the average wage or salary which the patient employee was receiving during his last twelve months of employment at the hospital, settlement, or place, whichever is higher.

Patient employees may use service with any state department or agency not exceeding five years which has not been credited under the state retirement system in lieu of service with a hospital, settlement, and place maintained for the treatment and care of persons affected with leprosy to satisfy the requirement of the preceding paragraph; provided that the service shall be authenticated by official records of the department where service was performed.

When work is available at Kalaupapa Settlement which may be fulfilled by patient residents of the settlement under section 326-21 and there are no applicants for such positions from among the eligible patients, pensioned patients who are in residence at Kalaupapa Settlement may be reemployed, not to exceed nineteen hours per week, without relinquishing the pension granted to them under this section. Furthermore, notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or of any other chapter relating to this subject matter, such reemployment shall not result in suspension or termination of payment of the pension granted originally or serve to increase, decrease, or alter said pension in anyway."

SECTION 2. New material is underscored.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 12, 1979.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.