
By: Charles County Delegation

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Fire and Rescue Workers - Length of Service Award Program - Benefit**
3 **Adjustments**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the cap on the maximum overall increase in adjustments to
5 benefits under the length of service award program for qualified active volunteer
6 members of the Charles County Volunteer Fire Companies, Volunteer Rescue
7 Squads and mobile intensive care units; requiring any benefit adjustment under the
8 program to be applied only prospectively; and generally relating to benefit
9 adjustments in the Length of Service Award Program for certain fire and rescue
10 workers in Charles County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 The Public Local Laws of Charles County
13 Section 54-8
14 Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
15 (1994 Edition and November 1995 Supplement, as amended)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 The Public Local Laws of Charles County
18 Section 54-10 A.
19 Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
20 (1994 Edition and November 1995 Supplement, as amended)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article 9 - Charles County**

24 54-8.

25 There is hereby established a length of service award program for qualified active
26 volunteer members of the Charles County Volunteer Fire Companies, Volunteer Rescue
27 Squads and mobile intensive care units. For the purposes of §§ 54-8 through 54-11,
28 "active volunteer member" means a person who accumulated a minimum of fifty (50)
29 points per calendar year in accordance with the point system set forth in Section 54-11.

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1 54-10.

2 A. Cost of living review; adjustments.

3 (1) Commencing July 1, 1984, and annually thereafter, a cost of living review
4 shall be made by the County Commissioners to adjust the benefits provided under §
5 54-9B, C, D, E, F and H of this Article. The adjustment shall increase or decrease the
6 benefits according to an amount equal to the annual increase or decrease as reflected by
7 the current May consumer price index, but shall not exceed a four-percent increase or
8 decrease per year and shall be cumulative. Revised or reviewed benefits shall commence
9 on October 1 of the year.

10 (2) [The maximum overall increase may not exceed one hundred fifty
11 percent (150%). The ceiling of one hundred fifty percent (150%) in benefits does not
12 affect the additional payment of money for benefits under the provisions of § 54-9C of
13 this Article for that service performed after the date upon which the participant begins to
14 receive payments.] ANY BENEFIT ADJUSTMENT MADE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
15 BE APPLIED ONLY PROSPECTIVELY.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1996.