
By: Calvert County Delegation

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Calvert County - Length of Service Award Program - Emergency Medical Services

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the length of service award program in Calvert County to
4 include certain volunteers of emergency medical services departments; extending
5 certain benefits to the surviving spouses of certain volunteers; defining certain
6 terms; and generally relating to the length of service award program in Calvert
7 County.

8 BY repealing

9 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
10 Section 14-101
11 Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
12 (1986 Edition and July 1991 Supplement, as amended)

13 BY adding to

14 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
15 Section 14-101
16 Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
17 (1986 Edition and July 1991 Supplement, as amended)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
20 Section 14-102(f) to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 1. Volunteer Fire,
21 Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members"
22 Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
23 (1986 Edition and July 1991 Supplement, as amended)

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

3 **Article 5 - Calvert County**

4 Subtitle 1. Volunteer Fire [Fighters and Rescue Squad], RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY
5 MEDICAL SERVICES Members.

6 [14-101.

7 There is a length of service award program for qualified active volunteer members
8 of the Calvert County volunteer fire companies and volunteer rescue squads. For the
9 purposes of this subtitle, an active volunteer member is an individual who accumulated a
10 minimum of 60 points per calendar year in accordance with the point system set forth in
11 § 14-104 of this subtitle.]

12 14-101.

13 (A) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
14 INDICATED.

15 (2) "ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS
16 ACCUMULATED A MINIMUM OF 60 POINTS PER CALENDAR YEAR IN ACCORDANCE
17 WITH THE POINT SYSTEM SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE.

18 (3) "CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER" MEANS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER
19 WHOSE SERVICE CREDIT IS VERIFIED THROUGH AN OATH TAKEN BY A
20 DEPARTMENT.

21 (4) "CREDIT" MEANS POINTS USED BY A DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE
22 ELIGIBILITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO QUALIFY AS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER.

23 (5) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS A VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, EMERGENCY
24 MEDICAL SERVICES, RESCUE DIVE TEAM, OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT
25 DEPARTMENT OR COMPANY IN CALVERT COUNTY, OR ANY COMBINATION OF
26 THOSE DEPARTMENTS OR COMPANIES.

27 (6) "POINT" MEANS A SERVICE CREDIT VALUE FOR ACTIVITIES
28 TOWARD THE QUALIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER
29 MEMBER.

30 (7) "QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
31 RECEIVING BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 14-102(B), (C),
32 (D), OR (G) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

33 (B) THERE IS A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED
34 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE CALVERT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE,
35 RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

36 14-102.

37 (f) In the event that a [qualified] volunteer WHO HAS COMPLETED 25 YEARS
38 OF CERTIFIED SERVICE dies prior to receiving any benefits under this section, the
39 surviving spouse of the [qualified] volunteer is entitled to benefits equal to 50 percent of

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1 the benefits earned by the deceased volunteer. These benefits shall terminate upon death
2 or remarriage. [A qualified volunteer is an individual who has completed 25 years of
3 certified service.]

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