

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 660

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “any active” and substitute “qualified”; in line 5, after “units” insert “who have completed a specified minimum amount of service,”; in the same line, strike “at any time and”; strike beginning with “during” in line 6 down through “occupation” in line 9 and substitute “, and whose disability is certified in a certain manner; requiring a certain review by the County Commissioners”; and in line 13, after “54-9” insert “and 54-10A.(1)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 14 and 15, strike “TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY”; in line 15, strike “AT ANY TIME AND FOR ANY REASON”; in lines 16, 17, and 18, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 18, strike “ANY MEANINGFUL”; in line 19, strike “TOTAL AND”; and after line 24, insert:

“E. IN THE EVENT THAT A QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER WHO HAS COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF 25 YEARS OF CERTIFIED ACTIVE VOLUNTEER SERVICE WITH ANY CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, OR COMBINATION THEREOF, SHALL BECOME PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED, FOR ANY REASON, AND SUCH DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, OR OTHER COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THEN THAT VOLUNTEER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS EARNED AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTIONS B AND C OF THIS SECTION, REGARDLESS OF AGE. THESE BENEFITS SHALL BEGIN IN THE MONTH FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION OF DISABILITY.”.

On page 2, in lines 25, 30, 37, 38, and 40, and on page 3, in lines 3, 7, and 8, strike “E.”, “F.”, “H”, “G.”, “H.”, “I.”, “J.”, and “I”, respectively, and substitute “F.”, “G.”, “I”, “H.”, “I.”, “J.”, “K.”,

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and “J”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 10, insert: “54-10.

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