

HOUSE BILL 385

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 1999

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Length of Service Award - Cost of Living Increase**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing for certain members of the Charles County volunteer
4 fire companies, rescue squads, or mobile intensive care units, the application of
5 a certain amount of money to the value of a year's qualifying service on a certain
6 date, in lieu of a cost of living increase for a certain year; requiring the
7 calculation of a cost of living increase in a certain manner after a certain date;
8 and generally relating to a cost of living increase and a length of service award
9 in Charles County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 The Public Local Laws of Charles County
12 Section 54-9 C.
13 Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
14 (1994 Edition and June 1998 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **Article 9 - Charles County**

18 54-9.

19 C. (1) An additional payment of two dollars (\$2.) per month shall be added
20 to the benefits described in Subsection B of this section for each full year of volunteer
21 service in excess of twenty-five (25) years. Beginning July 1, 1984, and annually
22 thereafter, this amount shall be increased or decreased by an amount equal to the
23 annual increase or decrease as reflected by the consumer price index, using the
24 published May figure each year. This amount shall not exceed a four-percent (4%)
25 increase or decrease per year and shall be cumulative. Beginning July 1, 1990, the
26 amount payable monthly for each year in excess of twenty-five (25) years shall be
27 equal to four percent (4%) of the amount payable under subsection B of this section.

28 (2) IN LIEU OF A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000, ON
29 JULY 1, 1999, AN INCREASE OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1) SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE VALUE OF

1 ONE (1) YEAR'S QUALIFYING SERVICE. SUBSEQUENT TO JUNE 30, 2000, A COST OF
2 LIVING INCREASE SHALL BE CALCULATED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS
3 SECTION.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect October 1, 1999.