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By: **Charles County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Length of Service Award Program - Death Benefit**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for a death benefit of a certain amount to be paid to  
4 certain beneficiaries when certain volunteers of the Charles County volunteer  
5 fire, emergency medical service, or specialized rescue units are killed in the line  
6 of duty during the course of certain services or die having completed a certain  
7 amount of a certain service under certain circumstances; and generally relating  
8 to the determination and payment of death benefits under the Length of Service  
9 Award Program in Charles County.

10 BY repealing

11 The Public Local Laws of Charles County  
12 Section 54-9 J.  
13 Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
14 (1994 Edition and June 1998 Supplement, as amended)

15 BY adding to

16 The Public Local Laws of Charles County  
17 Section 54-9 J.  
18 Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
19 (1994 Edition and June 1998 Supplement, as amended)

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

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**Article 9 - Charles County**

2 54-9.

3 [J. When an unqualified volunteer is killed in the line of duty during the  
4 course of service as a volunteer fireman or squadman after July 1, 1989, a death  
5 benefit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) shall be paid to the unqualified volunteer's  
6 designated beneficiary.]

7 J. WHEN AN UNQUALIFIED VOLUNTEER IS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY  
8 DURING THE COURSE OF SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF A FIRE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
9 SERVICE, OR SPECIALIZED RESCUE UNIT OR DIES HAVING COMPLETED AT LEAST  
10 ONE (1) YEAR OF LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM QUALIFYING SERVICE AND  
11 IS CARRIED ON CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS AND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR  
12 DEATH BENEFITS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION H OF THIS SECTION, A DEATH  
13 BENEFIT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.) SHALL BE PAID TO THE  
14 UNQUALIFIED VOLUNTEER'S DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
16 effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1999.