
By: **Calvert County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County - Fire and Rescue - Length of Service Award Program**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain limit on the number of members per rescue
4 squad or fire department who may receive length of service award program
5 credit; altering the designated title used for a fire fighter who may earn credit
6 under the length of service award program; and generally relating to the length
7 of service award program in Calvert County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
10 Section 14-104
11 Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
12 (1986 Edition and July 1991 Supplement, as amended)

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

15 **Article 5 - Calvert County**

16 14-104.

17 (a) In order to qualify for any benefits, points shall be credited to each
18 volunteer in accordance with the following:

19 (1) Five points shall be credited for approved training courses of a
20 duration less than 25 hours. Ten points shall be credited for approved training courses
21 of a duration of 25 to 49 hours. Fifteen points shall be credited for approved training
22 courses of a duration of 50 hours or more. Not more than 30 points may be credited for
23 all training each year.

24 (2) One point shall be credited for each company or county drill of a
25 duration of 2 hours or more. No more than a total of 20 points may be credited for all
26 drills each year.

1 (3) One point shall be credited for attendance at any official county or
2 company fire or rescue squad meeting. No more than a total of 20 points may be
3 credited for attendance at all meetings each year.

4 (4) One point shall be credited for each call to which a volunteer
5 responds, providing that not more than 40 points may be credited for all calls
6 responded to each year, including standby at a station.

7 (5) Twenty points shall be credited for completion of a 1 year term in an
8 elected or appointed office in any of the fire or rescue service organizations of Calvert
9 County provided that not more than one office shall be counted in any calendar year.

10 (6) One point shall be credited for each hour of acceptable collateral
11 duties, including fund-raising, apparatus and building maintenance, administrative
12 duties, fire prevention, and CPR instruction. No more than 20 points may be credited
13 for all collateral duties performed each year.

14 (7) A volunteer member who serves or has served full time military
15 service in the armed forces of the United States shall receive credit at the rate of 6
16 points for each month served providing that not more than 60 points may be credited
17 for any calendar year. A maximum of 4 years of creditable service may be acquired in
18 this manner. In order to receive this credit a volunteer member must have received an
19 honorable discharge from the armed forces.

20 (8) [Not more than 55 members per rescue squad or fire department
21 combination may receive length of service award program credit in any year. If the
22 membership of a rescue squad or fire department combination exceeds 55, then a
23 maximum of 75 members may receive length of service award program credit in any
24 year.

25 (9)] No member with less than 10 years service may earn points unless
26 the member is a certified emergency medical technician or [basic fire fighter] FIRE
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28 [(10)] (9) Points must be earned in at least 4 of 7 categories.

29 (b) In order to provide credit for service prior to January 1, 1986, each
30 company shall review its past and present membership rosters to determine the
31 number of years of credit to which each member or past member is entitled. In
32 making this analysis, the standards for active service shall be used as guidelines.
33 Approval for service shall be certified by the board of directors of each company or
34 rescue squad and as provided in § 14-103 of this subtitle. If a volunteer member has
35 service in more than 1 company or squad that individual shall receive credit for the
36 service in each organization providing not more than 1 year's credits may be granted
37 for each calendar year of volunteer service.

38 (c) In the event that sufficient records are unavailable to prove service prior to
39 January 1, 1986, the certification may be made by a company after thorough
40 investigation, and on the best information, knowledge and belief of the board of
41 directors of the individual company.

1 (d) This program shall be funded from the public general funds of Calvert
2 County.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect October 1, 2002.