

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2022 Legislative Session**

**Bill 2022-03**

**LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)**

**Introduced by Charles County Commissioners**

**Clarifying benefit eligibility for spouses of a deceased volunteer.**

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**Date introduced:** 04 / 26 / 2022

**Public Hearing:** 09 / 21 / 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Hybrid- Virtually and In Person

**Commissioners Action:** 09 / 21 / 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

**Commissioner Votes:** RBC: Y, BR: Y, GB: A, TC: Y, AS: A

**Pass/Fail:** Pass

**Effective Date:** 11 / 05 / 2022

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing text.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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4                   **2022 Legislative Session**

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6 Bill No.: 2022-03

7 Chapter. No. 54

8 Introduced by County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland

9 Date of Introduction April 26, 2022

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11                   **BILL**

12 AN ACT concerning

13                   LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)

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15 FOR the purpose of

16                   *Clarifying benefit eligibility for spouses of a deceased volunteer.*

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18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments:

19                   Chapter 54 – VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES, RESCUE SQUADS, MOBILE  
20                   INTENSIVE CARE UNITS AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS

21                   Article II. Length of Service Award Program

22                   Section 54-9(G).

23                   *Code of Charles County, Maryland*

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25                   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
26 CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as  
27 follows:  
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2 **Chapter 54 – 9. Determination and payment of benefits**

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6 G. In the event that a qualified volunteer dies prior to receiving any benefits under this section,  
7 the surviving spouse is entitled to benefits equal to 75% of the benefits earned by the  
8 deceased volunteer. This rate applies to any person who is receiving benefits on or before  
9 July 1, 1989, as well as to any person who begins to receive benefits after July 1, 1989.  
10 These benefits shall terminate upon death or remarriage. **THE DECEASED VOLUNTEER**  
11 **MUST HAVE BEEN:** [A "qualified volunteer" is defined as:]  
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- 13 (1) One who **IS AT LEAST 55 YEARS OF AGE AND** has completed  
14 25 years of certified service; or  
15 (2) One who is **ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE** [receiving]  
16 benefits under Subsection I of this section.  
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20 **SECTION 2.** BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this act shall take effect forty-five (45)  
21 calendar days after adoption.  
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ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2022.


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CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
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ATTEST:  
  
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