

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2018 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-1-2018

Chapter No. 1

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Lehman

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Harrison, Davis, Turner,

Co-Sponsors Taveras, Franklin, Patterson and Toles

Date of Introduction February 20, 2018

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Length of Service Award Program

3 For the purpose of clarifying certain benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for  
4 surviving spouses.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 11. FIRE SAFETY.

7 Section 11-328,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2015 Edition; 2017 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
11 Maryland, that Section 11-328 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 SUBTITLE 11. FIRE SAFETY.

14 DIVISION 6. VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES.

15 **Sec. 11-328. Length of Service Award Program.**

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17 (c) Benefits.

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19 (7) (A) In the event that any qualified volunteer shall die while receiving benefits, then  
20 his or her surviving spouse is entitled to benefits equal to fifty percent (50%) of the volunteer's  
21 benefits. These benefits shall terminate upon death or remarriage of the spouse.

1 (B) In the event that a qualified volunteer dies prior to receiving any benefits under  
2 this Section, his or her surviving spouse is entitled to benefits equal to fifty percent (50%) of  
3 the benefits earned by the deceased volunteer. These benefits shall terminate upon death or  
4 remarriage of the spouse. A qualified volunteer is defined as one who has completed twenty-  
5 five (25) years of certified service, or is qualified to receive benefits under this Act.

6 (C) Any surviving spouse receiving benefits pursuant to Subsection (c)(1) on June  
7 30, 1987, shall be entitled to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month effective January 1,  
8 1992. Effective July 1, 2000, any surviving spouse receiving benefits pursuant to Subsection  
9 (c)(1) on July 1, 2000, shall be entitled to One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) per  
10 month. Effective July 1, 2014, and thereafter, any surviving spouse receiving benefits pursuant  
11 to Subsection (c)(1) shall be entitled to a minimum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)  
12 per month.

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14 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby  
15 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,  
16 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of  
17 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining  
18 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this  
19 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such  
20 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,  
21 or section.  
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1 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)  
2 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dannielle M. Glaros  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.