

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session _____ 1991 _____

Bill No. _____ CB-119-1991 _____

Chapter No. _____ 95 _____

Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request -
County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Wineland and Casula

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 5, 1991

BILL

AN ACT concerning

The Length of Service Award Program

FOR the purpose of increasing certain benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for certain volunteers and surviving spouses.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 11. FIRE SAFETY.

Section 11-328,

The Prince George's County Code

(1987 Edition, 1990 Supplement).

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of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 11-328 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 11. FIRE SAFETY.

DIVISION 6. VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES.

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

There is hereby established a Length of Service Award program for active volunteer members of the Prince George's County Fire/Rescue Service.

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(b) Benefits.

(1) Effective July 1, 1987, and thereafter, any volunteer who has completed twenty-five (25) years of certified active service within the Prince George's County Fire/Rescue Service upon reaching age 60 shall receive a payment of \$125.00 per month for fiscal year 1988; \$150.00 per month for fiscal year 1989; \$175.00 per month for fiscal year 1990; and \$200.00 per month for fiscal year 1991 and for each fiscal year thereafter.

(2) A payment of \$4.00 per month shall be added to the benefits described above, for each full year of Certified service in excess of 25 years [, providing that a maximum benefit of \$300.00 per month or equivalent shall be payable to any individual]. Payments shall begin on the first day of the month following eligibility. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all members currently receiving benefits upon certification of additional years.

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(4) Once a member is receiving benefits under Subsections (b) (1) or (2), that member may annually accrue additional benefits by certified active service [up to a maximum of \$300.00 per month].

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

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

(C) Any surviving spouse receiving benefits pursuant to Subsection (b) (1) on June 30, 1987, shall [not] be entitled to [the July 1, 1987; July 1, 1988; July 1, 1989; July 1, 1990; and July 1, 1991, increments provided in Subsection (b) (1)] \$100.00 per month effective January 1, 1992.

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(g) Cost of Living Increases.

(1) Effective July 1, 1991, and thereafter, volunteers and spouses receiving benefits under this Act shall receive the cost of living increases awarded the career fire service of Prince George's County [provided that a maximum benefit of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) per month or equivalent shall be payable to any individual].

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 26th day of November, 1991.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Richard J. Castaldi
Chairman

ATTEST:

Maurene W. Epps
Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Parris N. Glendening
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.