



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/14/2017

Effective Date: 1/29/2018

Reference No.: CB-003-2017

Chapter Number: 100

Draft No.: 4

Public Hearing Date: 11/14/2017 @ 10:00 AM

Proposer(s): Lehman

Sponsor(s): Lehman, Toles, Harrison, Turner, Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Taveras and Patterson

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS for the purpose of amending the Code to provide for a medical presumption of occupational disease for Volunteer Firefighters and a Blanket Life and Accident Insurance Policy, increasing death benefits, and generally relating to benefits for members of the County's volunteer fire departments and rescue squads.

Drafter: Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Matthew Dernoga, Policy Analyst, District 1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
01/24/2017	County Council	presented and referred	PSFM
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Lehman and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee		
02/09/2017	PSFM	Held in Committee	
	Action Text: This Council Bill was Held in Committee		
03/09/2017	PSFM	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: This Council Bill was Favorably reported out with recommended amendments to the County Council Aye: 5 Glaros, Taveras, Harrison, Lehman and Turner		
03/28/2017	County Council	recommitted	PSFM
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Taveras, that this Council Bill be recommitted to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 9 Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner		

07/13/2017 PSFM Favorably County Council
recommended with
amendments

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Vice Chair Taveras, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Glaros, Taveras, Lehman and Turner

Absent: 1 Harrison

09/12/2017 County Council deferred

Action Text:

Introduction of this Council Bill was deferred

10/17/2017 County Council amended (1)

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Lehman, seconded by Vice Chair Glaros, that this Council Bill be amended (1). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner

10/17/2017 County Council introduced

Action Text:

Draft 4 of this Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner

11/14/2017 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing was held for this Council Bill.

11/14/2017 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Lehman, seconded by Vice Chair Glaros, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner

12/13/2017 County Executive Unsigned

Action Text:

This Council Bill was Unsigned

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

11-329 11-328 11-327

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Labor and Employment Article, Title 9. Workers Compensation, volunteer firefighters similar to paid firefighters are presumed to have an occupational

disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable if it falls within a certain category, i.e. heart disease, hypertension, etc. Currently, the County only provides for a medical presumption for career firefighters if they have a condition or impairment of health that falls within a certain category similar to the State law. The proposed legislation will provide for a medical presumption of occupational disease for volunteer firefighters.

10/17/2017: Prior to introduction CB-3-2017 (DR-3) was amended on the floor as follows:

1. On page 2, line 30 delete “Any condition or impairment of health” and insert “The death”.
2. On page 3, line 2 delete “resulting in total or partial disability or death”; on line 3 delete “disability”; on lines 5 and 6 delete “condition or impairment” and insert “death”; on line 7 after “who” delete “has”; on line 12 insert “This Subsection shall only extend medical presumption to the County death benefit outlined in Section 11-329(b), and shall not be applied to Maryland Workers’ Compensation Law for disability benefits.”
3. On pages 2 and 3, remove Subsections (c) and (f) from Section 11-327 and insert language into Section 11-329.

CB-3-2017 (DR-4) was introduced.

Document(s): B2017003, CB-3-2017 AIS, CB-3-2017 Report #1, CB-3-2017 Report #2