

**CHAPTER 90**

**(House Bill 386)**

AN ACT concerning

**Charles County - Length of Service Award - Early Receipt of Benefits**

FOR the purpose of allowing certain members who are a certain minimum age to receive certain benefits equal to a certain percentage under certain circumstances; requiring a certain member's credit for additional years of service to be equal to a certain percentage of certain benefits; requiring the election of certain benefits to be a final choice of benefits; and generally relating to benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for Charles County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Charles County

Section 54-9 L.

Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1994 Edition and June 1998 Supplement, as amended)

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

**Article 9 - Charles County**

54-9.

L. BEGINNING IN JULY 1999, A MEMBER WHO IS AT LEAST FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OLD AND HAS COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF QUALIFYING SERVICE, MAY ELECT TO RECEIVE AN EARLY LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM BENEFIT EQUAL TO 75% OF THE BENEFIT THAT PERSON WOULD HAVE RECEIVED AT THE AGE OF SIXTY (60) YEARS. THAT MEMBER'S CREDIT FOR ADDITIONAL YEARS OF SERVICE SHALL EQUAL 75% OF THE BENEFIT AWARDED TO A MEMBER WHO BEGINS BENEFITS AT THE AGE OF SIXTY (60) YEARS. THE ELECTION OF EARLY LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM BENEFITS SHALL BE A FINAL CHOICE OF BENEFITS BY THE MEMBER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1999.

Approved April 13, 1999.