Approved April 10, 1990.

## CHAPTER 29

(Senate Bill 175)

## AN ACT concerning

## Charles County - Fire and Rescue Volunteers - Survivors' Benefits

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain rate under the Charles County Length of Service Award program paid to surviving spouses of certain members of volunteer fire companies or volunteer rescue squads applies to people receiving benefits on or before, as well as after, a certain date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Charles County

Section 54-9 E. and F.

Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (0lr0990) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1990)

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.

- E. In the event that any qualified volunteer shall die while receiving benefits, then the surviving spouse is entitled to benefits equal to 75% of the volunteer's benefits. THIS RATE APPLIES TO ANY PERSON WHO IS RECEIVING BENEFITS ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1989, AS WELL AS TO ANY PERSON WHO BEGINS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS AFTER JULY 1, 1989. These benefits shall terminate upon death or remarriage of the spouse.
- F. In the event that a qualified volunteer dies prior to receiving any benefits under this section, the surviving spouse is entitled to benefits equal to 75% of the benefits earned by the deceased volunteer. THIS RATE APPLIES TO ANY PERSON WHO IS RECEIVING BENEFITS ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1989, AS WELL AS TO ANY PERSON WHO BEGINS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS AFTER JULY 1, 1989. These benefits shall terminate upon death or remarriage. A "qualified volunteer" is defined as:
  - (1) One who has completed 25 years of certified service; or
  - (2) One who is receiving benefits under subsection H of this section.