

CHAPTER 836

(House Bill 121)

AN ACT to add new Sections 30-12.1 to 30-12.6, inclusive, to the Anne Arundel County Code, 1957 (being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Anne Arundel County," subtitle "Chapter 30. Fire Prevention Code," subheading "Article I—In General," to follow immediately after Section 30-12 thereof, to provide for payment of pensions and benefits to retired chiefs and deputies of the Anne Arundel County Fire Prevention Bureau or Arson Bureau, and to provide for payments to the widows and children of retired chiefs or deputies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 30-12.1 to 30-12.6, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to the Anne Arundel County Code, 1957 (being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Anne Arundel County," subtitle "Chapter 30. Fire Prevention Code," subheading "Article I—In General," and all to read as follows:

30-12.1.

The County Commissioners may retire any Chief or Deputy of the Fire Prevention Bureau or Arson Bureau who shall after July 1, 1954, become permanently or totally disabled while in the active performance of his duties. No Chief or Deputy of the Fire Prevention Bureau or Arson Bureau shall be retired under this section until he has been examined by a Board of three physicians of the State Department of Health and their findings as to his disability have been certified to the County Commissioners. Any Chief or Deputy of the Fire Prevention Bureau or Arson Bureau so retired shall receive an annual pension equivalent to seventy-five per centum (75%) of his monthly salary at the time of retirement, except in the case of the Chief or Deputy of the Fire Prevention Bureau or Arson Bureau who retires with less than twenty (20) consecutive years of service, in which case he shall receive an annual pension equivalent to one-fortieth (1/40) of his monthly salary for each year of service.

30-12.2.

The County Commissioners may retire after July 1, 1954, any Chief or Deputy of the Fire Prevention Bureau or Arson Bureau who has performed faithful services in this capacity for a period of not less than twenty (20) years. Any Chief or Deputy Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau or Arson Bureau so retired shall receive an annual pension based on his salary at the time of retirement according to the following schedule:

For not less than 20 nor more than 24 years service, fifty per centum (50%) of salary.

For not less than 25 nor more than 29 years service, sixty per centum (60%) of salary.

For 30 or more years of service, seventy per centum (70%) of salary.