

## CHAPTER 294

(House Bill 384)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 41 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Department of ~~Public Welfare~~ SOCIAL SERVICES," subtitle "Volunteer Firemen," to provide for the payment of the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) from the Treasury of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to the surviving widow, or minor child or children, or if there be no surviving widow, OR MINOR CHILD OR CHILDREN, to a parent or parents, sister or sisters, brother or brothers who were dependent upon any volunteer fireman who dies as a direct result of the act of participating in fighting a fire or while going to or from a fire or performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company or actively participating in ambulance or rescue work, AND TO CHANGE THE AGE TO WHICH PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 41 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Department of ~~Public Welfare~~ SOCIAL SERVICES," subtitle "Volunteer Firemen," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

41.

In case of the death of any volunteer firemen [by accident resulting from] *as a direct result of the active participation in fighting a fire or while going to or from a fire, or performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company or actively participating in the ambulance or rescue work of an incorporated volunteer fire company in the State of Maryland, [and] who leaves a widow, or minor child or children; or if he leaves no widow or minor child or children, but leaves a parent or parents, or a sister or brother, who were dependent upon him for support, there shall be paid to said widow, or to the guardian of said minor child or children, or the surviving parent or parents or sister or brother so dependent upon him for support, the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) from the Treasury of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; provided further that if he leaves a widow or a dependent child or children, the case shall be laid before the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and if the facts are established as provided in Section 40, the widow and child, or children as the case may be, shall be placed on said "Disabled Firemen's List," and the widow shall be entitled to receive a pension from the Maryland State Firemen's Association in a sum, the amount of which shall be decided upon by the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and to be paid out of its treasury at such times and in such installments and in such amount as the said board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association may decide, during widowhood, and each of the children of the said deceased firemen shall receive a pension from the Maryland State Firemen's Association in a sum the amount of which shall be decided upon by the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and to be paid out of its treasury at*