

(2) ANY PERSON WHO DISCONTINUED ACTIVE VOLUNTEER SERVICE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1974 MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE SERVICE AFTER BEING CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 126D.

(B) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1974, ANY PERSON WHO HAS REACHED THE AGE OF 60 AND WHO HAS COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF 25 YEARS OF CERTIFIED ACTIVE VOLUNTEER SERVICE, WITH ANY CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD OR COMBINATION THEREOF, SHALL RECEIVE BENEFITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100 PER MONTH, FOR LIFE. PAYMENTS SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY. THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY AND PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE VOLUNTEER ENTITLED TO SUCH BENEFITS.

(C) AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$2 PER MONTH SHALL BE ADDED TO THE BENEFITS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION [(A)] (B) OF THIS SECTION, FOR EACH FULL YEAR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN EXCESS OF 25 YEARS, PROVIDING THAT A MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF \$150 PER MONTH OR EQUIVALENT SHALL BE PAYABLE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL.

(D) IN THE EVENT THAT ANY ACTIVE VOLUNTEER BECOMES DISABLED DURING THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN OR RESCUE SQUADSMEN WHILE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES AND IN THE EVENT THAT THE DISABILITY PREVENTS THE VOLUNTEER FROM PURSUING HIS NORMAL OCCUPATION AND THAT THE DISABILITY IS OF A PERMANENT NATURE AS CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION OR OTHER COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, THEN THE VOLUNTEER IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) AND ANY SUCH BENEFITS AS HE MAY BE ENTITLED TO REGARDLESS OF HIS OR HER AGE OR LENGTH OF SERVICE. THESE BENEFITS SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENCY OF HIS OR HER DISABILITY.

(E) IN THE EVENT THAT ANY QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER SHALL DIE WHILE RECEIVING BENEFITS, THEN HIS OR HER SURVIVING SPOUSE IS ENTITLED TO BENEFITS EQUAL TO 50 PERCENT OF THE VOLUNTEER'S BENEFITS. 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, HIS OR HER SURVIVING SPOUSE IS ENTITLED TO BENEFITS EQUAL TO 50 PERCENT OF THE BENEFITS EARNED BY THE DECEASED VOLUNTEER. THESE BENEFITS SHALL TERMINATE UPON DEATH OR REMARRIAGE. A QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER IS DEFINED AS ONE WHO HAS COMPLETED 25 YEARS OF CERTIFIED SERVICE.