

SERVED FULL TIME MILITARY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT AT THE RATE OF FIVE POINTS FOR EACH MONTH SERVED PROVIDING THAT NOT MORE THAN 50 POINTS CAN BE CREDITED FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR. A MAXIMUM OF FOUR YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE MAY BE ACQUIRED IN THIS MANNER.

(B) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CREDIT FOR SERVICE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1974, EACH COMPANY SHALL REVIEW ITS PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF CREDIT TO WHICH EACH MEMBER OR PAST MEMBER IS ENTITLED. IN MAKING THIS ANALYSIS, THE STANDARDS FOR ACTIVE SERVICE SHALL BE USED AS GUIDELINES. APPROVAL FOR SERVICE SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD. IF A VOLUNTEER MEMBER HAS SERVICE IN MORE THAN ONE COMPANY OR SQUAD THAT PERSON SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE SERVICE IN EACH ORGANIZATION PROVIDING NOT MORE THAN ONE YEARS CREDITS MAY BE GRANTED FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

(C) IN THE EVENT THAT SUFFICIENT RECORDS ARE UNAVAILABLE TO PROVE SERVICE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1974, THE CERTIFICATION MAY BE MADE BY A COMPANY AFTER THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, AND ON THE BEST INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIVIDUAL COMPANY.

(D) THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(1) FUNDS UP TO, BUT NOT TO EXCEED 50 PERCENT OF ITS COSTS, OR ONE ONE HUNDREDTH (.01) OF THE TAX RATE, SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE FIRE TAX FUND AND RESCUE TAX FUNDS COLLECTED AND DISBURSED UNDER SECTION 117 THROUGH 126 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LAWS OF CHARLES COUNTY. THE BOARD OF FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROVIDE ANNUALLY SUCH FUNDS AS ARE REQUIRED FROM THE FIRE TAX AND RESCUE TAX RECEIPTS.

(2) THE REMAINING COSTS SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS OF CHARLES COUNTY AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROVIDE SUCH FUNDS AS ARE REQUIRED.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

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