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eligibility. An additional payment of \$2 per month shall be added to the benefits described above, 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.

[(2) In the event that any active volunteer becomes disabled during the course of his or her service as a volunteer fireman or rescue squadsman 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 Executive of Prince George's 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.]

(2) IN THE EVENT THAT: (A) ANY ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IS FOUND BY THE MARYLAND WORKMENS COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO BE PERMANENTLY DISABLED IN THE COURSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMEN, AS DEFINED IN THE PERTINENT ARTICLE ON THE STATE WORKMENS COMPENSATION LAW; AND (B) SUCH DISABILITY IS FOUND BY A COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY, DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, TO PREVENT THE VOLUNTEER FROM PURSUING HIS OR HER NORMAL OCCUPATION; THEN (C) SUCH VOLUNTEER SHALL RECEIVE THE BENEFITS PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (B) (1). THESE BENEFITS SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENTITLEMENT BY THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND SHALL BE RETROACTIVE TO THE DATE OF INJURY WHERE SUCH DATE IS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED OR IN THE ABSENCE THEREOF, THE DATE OF DETERMINATION OF ENTITLEMENT BY THE WORKMENS COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

ONCE A MEMBER HAS RETIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH (B) (2), OR THE AFOREGOING PARAGRAPH (B) (1), HE MAY NOT ACCRUE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR SUBSEQUENT SERVICE.

(3) 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.

(4) In the event that a qualified volunteer dies prior to receiving any benefits under this section, his