

FOR the purpose of providing that certain designated beneficiaries of volunteer and professional firemen and rescue squad members ~~fireman~~ receive a certain amount in death benefits from the State under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 59A-1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative
Departments

59A-1.

(a) (1) A death benefit shall be paid to the surviving spouse, children, or designated beneficiary of any law enforcement officer of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, [or] any sheriff or deputy sheriff, OR ANY VOLUNTEER FIREMAN OR PROFESSIONAL FIREMAN OR RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER who is killed in the performance of duties ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1980. The amount of the benefit shall be \$25,000, less any amount received by that person from:

(i) Any lump-sum death benefit payable by the State or any political subdivision, exclusive of any return of contributions, or,

(ii) The present value of any benefit payable under the provisions of Article 73B, § 11(11)(b) of the Code.

(2) This sum shall be in addition to any:

(i) Workmen's compensation benefits; or

(ii) Proceeds of any form of life insurance, regardless of who paid the premiums on the insurance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 6, 1980.
