

(A) If any volunteer firefighter or INDIVIDUAL SERVING ON a volunteer rescue [squadmen] SQUAD dies as a direct result of 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 or volunteer rescue squad in the State, and leaves a surviving spouse, or minor child or children; or if there is no surviving spouse or minor child or children, but leaves a parent or parents, or a sister or brother, who were dependent upon [him or her] THE DECEDENT for support, there shall be paid to the surviving spouse, or to the guardian of the minor child or children, or the surviving parent or parents or sister or brother dependent upon [him or her] THE DECEDENT for support, AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES {OF AT LEAST the sum of \$2,000; from the treasury of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

(B) If there is a surviving spouse 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 § 42, the surviving spouse, or surviving spouse and child, or children as the case may be, shall be placed on the "Disabled Firemen's and Rescue Squadmen's List," and the surviving spouse, [as long as he or she remains] WHILE REMAINING unmarried, shall be entitled to receive a pension from the Maryland State Firemen's Association in an amount determined by the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, to be paid out of its treasury at whatever times, in whatever installments and in whatever amount as the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association may decide, until remarriage.

(C) Each of the children of the deceased firefighters or INDIVIDUALS SERVING ON A rescue [squadmen] SQUAD shall receive a pension from the Maryland State Firemen's Association in an amount determined by the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and be paid out of its treasury at whatever times, in whatever installments and in whatever amount the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association may decide, until the children each attain the age of 18 years.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

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