

EACH FULL YEAR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN EXCESS OF 25 YEARS. BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THIS AMOUNT SHALL BE INCREASED OR DECREASED BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL INCREASE OR DECREASE AS REFLECTED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, USING THE PUBLISHED MAY FIGURE EACH YEAR. THIS AMOUNT SHALL NOT EXCEED 4 PERCENT INCREASE OR DECREASE PER YEAR AND SHALL BE CUMULATIVE.

(D) IN THE EVENT THAT ANY ACTIVE VOLUNTEER BECOMES DISABLED DURING THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN OR RESCUE SQUADMAN 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 BOARD-OF-FIRE-AND-RESCUE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 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.

(G) WHEN A QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER DIES, A DEATH BENEFIT OF \$2,500 SHALL BE PAID TO THE VOLUNTEER'S DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.

(H) IN THE EVENT THAT ANY ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN OR SQUADMAN (HEREIN DEFINED AS ONE WHO HAS AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE 5 PRECEDING YEARS) ATTAINS THE AGE OF 70 AND FAILS TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, THEN THE VOLUNTEER IS ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY BENEFIT OF THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF CERTIFIED SERVICE COMPLETED MULTIPLIED BY \$4. THESE BENEFITS SHALL BE PAYABLE IN THE NORMAL MANNER.

130B.

(A) (1) COMMENCING JULY 1, 1984 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, A COST OF LIVING REVIEW SHALL BE MADE BY THE BOARD-OF-FIRE-AND-RESCUE-COMMISSION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADJUST THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), AND (H) OF § 130A. THE ADJUSTMENT SHALL INCREASE OR DECREASE THE BENEFITS ACCORDING TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL INCREASE OR DECREASE