

CHAPTER 89

(House Bill 385)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Length of Service Award - Cost of Living Increase

FOR the purpose of authorizing for certain members of the Charles County volunteer fire companies, rescue squads, or mobile intensive care units, the application of a certain amount of money to the value of a year's qualifying service on a certain date, in lieu of a cost of living increase for a certain year; requiring the calculation of a cost of living increase in a certain manner after a certain date; and generally relating to a cost of living increase and a length of service award in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Charles County

Section 54-9 C.

Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1994 Edition and June 1998 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 9 - Charles County

54-9.

C. (1) An additional payment of two dollars (\$2.) per month shall be added to the benefits described in Subsection B of this section for each full year of volunteer service in excess of twenty-five (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 a four-percent (4%) increase or decrease per year and shall be cumulative. Beginning July 1, 1990, the amount payable monthly for each year in excess of twenty-five (25) years shall be equal to four percent (4%) of the amount payable under subsection B of this section.

(2) IN LIEU OF A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000, ON JULY 1, 1999, AN INCREASE OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1) SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE VALUE OF ONE (1) YEAR'S QUALIFYING SERVICE. SUBSEQUENT TO JUNE 30, 2000, A COST OF LIVING INCREASE SHALL BE CALCULATED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1999.

Approved April 13, 1999.