

other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company, or actively participating in the ambulance or rescue squad work of an incorporated volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad in the State, the fireman or rescue squadman shall lay his case before the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, supported in all cases by the recommendation of the fire company or volunteer rescue squad of which he is a member, and the board of trustees shall proceed to consider it. If the facts are found as stated, the name of the fireman or rescue squadman shall be placed on a list to be kept by the secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, to be known as "Disabled Firemen's and Rescue Squadmen's List", and every person placed on the list shall be entitled to receive a pension from the Maryland State Firemen's Association in a sum, the amount of which shall be decided upon by the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and to be paid out of its treasury at whatever times, in whatever installments and in whatever amounts as the board of trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association may decide, during the period he is disabled or so long as the pensioner is without other means of comfortable support.]

42.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

(B) A PERSON WHO IS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR INDIVIDUAL SERVING ON A VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A ~~PENSION~~ BENEFIT FROM THE BOARD IF:

(1) THE PERSON IS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED:

(I) AS A DIRECT RESULT OF ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN FIGHTING A FIRE OR WHILE GOING TO OR FROM A FIRE;

(II) WHILE PERFORMING ANY OTHER DUTIES NECESSARY TO THE OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE OF THE FIRE COMPANY; ~~OR~~

(III) WHILE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE AMBULANCE, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, OR RESCUE WORK OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE, AMBULANCE, OR RESCUE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT IN THE STATE; ~~AND OR~~

(IV) WHILE PROVIDING EMERGENCY OR RESCUE ASSISTANCE, WHETHER ACTING ALONE OR AT THE DIRECTION OF OR WITH A FIRE, AMBULANCE, OR RESCUE COMPANY OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT; AND

(2) THE PERSON IS SUPPORTED BY THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD OF WHICH THE PERSON IS A MEMBER.

(C) A ~~PENSION~~ BENEFIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID FROM THE TREASURY OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN AN AMOUNT AND IN A MANNER THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES FOR AS LONG AS THE ~~PENSIONER~~ BENEFICIARY IS DISABLED ~~OR WITHOUT OTHER MEANS OF COMFORTABLE SUPPORT.~~