

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 13

Bill No. 41-23

All Councilmembers

By the County Council, June 5, 2023

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Volunteer Fire Length of Service and Award Program – Minimum Benefit Payments

FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum benefit to a qualifying active volunteer member of a county volunteer fire, ambulance, rehabilitation, or rescue company under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Volunteer Fire Length of Service and Award Program.

BY repealing and re-enacting, without amendments

Sections 14-4-101 and 14-4-102
Article 14 – Fire Protection
Title 4 – Volunteer Fire Length of Service and Award Program
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 14-4-106
Article 14 – Fire Protection
Title 4 – Volunteer Fire Length of Service and Award Program
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

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4 ARTICLE 14 – FIRE PROTECTION

5 Title 4 – Volunteer Fire Length of Service and Award Program

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7 § 14-4-101. Definitions.

8 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (b) “Association” means the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

10 (c) “Member” means an active volunteer member of a county volunteer fire, ambulance,
11 rehabilitation, or rescue company.

12 (d) “Program” means the volunteer fire length of service award program.

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14 § 14-4-102. Established.

15 There is a volunteer fire length of service award program for qualified active members of
16 the county volunteer fire, ambulance, rehabilitation, and rescue companies that are active
17 member companies of the association in good standing.

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19 § 14-4-106. Funding and Benefits.

20 (a) Each year, the association shall submit to the Fire Chief the names of members who
21 are eligible to receive benefit payments, specifying the number of months for which each will be
22 eligible for benefit payments during that year.

23 (b) Each year, the Fire Department shall submit with its budget a request for funds to pay

1 to the association an amount sufficient to:

2 (1) Pay those members who are eligible or will become eligible to receive benefit
3 payments under the program; and

4 (2) Provide for the administration of the program.

5 (c) A member eligible to receive benefit payments under the program shall receive a
6 payment of at least [\$100] \$300 per month for life.

7 (d) (1) The County Executive periodically shall review the benefits of the program
8 and may recommend a change in the benefits.

9 (2) Revised benefits shall be effective on the first pay period in the new fiscal
10 year.

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12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
13 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the
14 date of enactment.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION _____

DISPOSITION _____

ENACTED _____

EFFECTIVE _____

AMENDMENTS _____

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