

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day # ____

BILL NO. 2015-02

Introduced by: Board of Fire and Rescue

LOSAP Code Changes

**Volunteer Fire Companies, Rescue Squads, Mobile Intensive Care Units, and Dive
Rescue Units**

Date introduced: 02 / 24 / 2015

Public Hearing: 03 / 17 / 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Action: 03 / 17 / 2015

Commissioner Votes: PM: Y, KR: Y, DD: Y, AS: Y, BR: Y

Pass/Fail: Pass

Effective Date: 05 / 01 / 2015

Remarks: _____

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3 2015 Legislative Session

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5 Bill No. 2015- 02

6 Chapter No. 54

7 Introduced by Board of Fire and Rescue

8 Date of Introduction February 24, 2015

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10 BILL

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12 AN ACT concerning:

13 VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES, RESCUE SQUADS, MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE
14 UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS.

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16 FOR the purpose of:

17 Changing the deadline for coordinator to complete the reporting requirement and submit
18 it by the current deadline due to the number of volunteers.

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20 BY amending:

21 Chapter 54. VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES, RESCUE SQUADS, MOBILE
22 INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, AND DIVE RESCUE UNITS

23 Article II. Length of Service Award Program

24 Section 54-10(C)(1) and (2),

25 *Code of Charles County, Maryland.*

26 *(2013 Edition).*

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28 **SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES
29 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:

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31 **SECTION 54-10. Benefit adjustments upon annual review; certification lists.**

32 A. Cost-of-living review; adjustments.

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1 (1) Commencing July 1, 1984, and annually thereafter, a cost-of-living review shall
2 be made by the County Commissioners to adjust the benefits provided under § 54-
3 9B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and L of this article. The adjustment shall increase or
4 decrease the benefits according to an amount equal to the annual increase or
5 decrease as reflected by the current May consumer price index, but shall not
6 exceed a 4% increase or decrease per year and shall be cumulative. Revised or
7 reviewed benefits shall commence on October 1 of the year.

8 (2) Any benefit adjustment made under this section shall be applied only
9 prospectively.

10 A-1. Effective July 1, 2013, the computation in Subsection A above, relating to the Consumer
11 Price Index or cost-of-living increase, is temporarily suspended and the benefit amount
12 shall be \$10. [Added 5-22-2013 by Bill No. 2013-10]

13 B. It is the responsibility of each participating volunteer fire company, volunteer rescue
14 squad, volunteer mobile intensive care unit, or volunteer dive rescue unit to maintain
15 detailed and accurate records of each volunteer member on forms prescribed by the
16 Executive Committee of the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., and
17 approved by the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners.

18 C. Submission and review of certification lists.

19 (1) Each [January] FEBRUARY 15, and each [January] FEBRUARY 15 thereafter,
20 the Board of Directors of each volunteer fire company, volunteer rescue squad,
21 volunteer mobile intensive care unit, or volunteer dive rescue unit shall furnish to
22 the Executive Committee of the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association,
23 Inc., a statement under oath certifying all volunteers of the department, company,
24 squad, or unit who have qualified for credit for the previous year. Each statement
25 shall contain all members' ages, previous credits earned, and other information as
26 may be required by the Executive Committee.

27 (2) Upon receipt of this statement, the Executive Committee of the Charles County
28 Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., shall review the list of each company or
29 unit and furnish a copy thereof to the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners,
30 together with a certification as to the accuracy of each list, by [March] APRIL 15
31 of each year. After the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners approves
32 the certified list, it shall forward a copy of each approved list to the
33 department, company, squad, or unit concerned by [April] MAY 15 of

1 each year. These lists shall be posted in a conspicuous place within each
2 department, squad, company, or unit building for a period of not less than
3 30 days.

4 (3) Appeals.

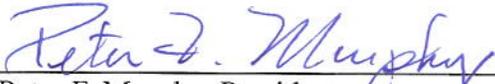
5 (a) A person whose name does not appear on the certified list or who is
6 denied credit for services prior to January 1, 1974, has the right to appeal
7 at any time after the posting of these lists.

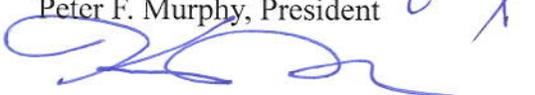
8 (b) The appeal shall be in writing and addressed to the Board of Fire and
9 Rescue Commissioners, which shall make a final decision. The person
10 appealing may request a hearing in lieu of the written appeal. The hearing
11 shall be conducted by the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners within
12 60 days of the request and not less than 10 days after notifying the
13 appellant of the date.

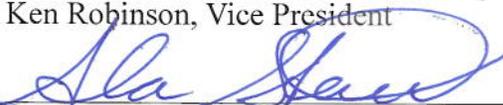
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15 **SECTION 2.** BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
16 calendar days after it becomes law.

17 Adopted this 17th day of March, 2015.

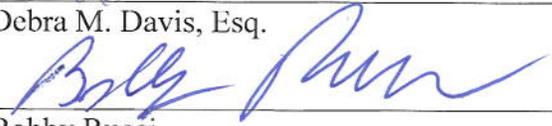
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19 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
20 CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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23 Peter F. Murphy, President

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26 Ken Robinson, Vice President

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29 Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed.

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32 Debra M. Davis, Esq.

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35 Bobby Rucci

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37 ATTEST:

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40 Carol A. DeSoto, Acting Clerk to the Commissioners

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