

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: H2/5/03
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1247

5 By: Representative King
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 *AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO BENEFIT*
10 *ADJUSTMENTS UNDER A FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF*
11 *FUND; TO ALLOW FOR BENEFIT INCREASES FOR*
12 *VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS RETIRED BEFORE JANUARY 1,*
13 *1987; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

14 **Subtitle**

15 *AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO*
16 *BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS UNDER A FIREMEN'S*
17 *PENSION AND RELIEF FUND; TO ALLOW FOR*
18 *BENEFIT INCREASES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE*
19 *FIGHTERS RETIRED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1987.*

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-11-818(d), concerning voluntary*
25 *retirement benefits given to fire fighters under a firemen's pension and*
26 *relief fund, is amended to read as follows:*

27 *(d)(1)(A)(i) Any full-paid fire fighter who has more than twenty (20)*
28 *years of service at the time of retirement shall be entitled to receive the*
29 *sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month in addition to his or her regular*
30 *retirement pay for each full year worked over and above twenty (20) years.*

31 *(ii) In no instance shall he or she receive more*
32 *than one hundred dollars (\$100) per month in addition to his or her regular*
33 *benefits.*

34 *(B)(i) Any volunteer or part-paid fire fighter who has*
35 *more than twenty (20) years of service at the time of retirement shall be*
36 *entitled to receive the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) per month in addition to*



1 his or her regular retirement pay for each full year worked over and above
2 twenty (20) years.

3 (ii) In no instance shall he or she receive more
4 than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month in addition to his or her regular
5 benefits.

6 (2)(A) The increase in benefit levels provided ~~in this~~
7 ~~subsection~~ under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section for service beyond
8 twenty (20) years shall apply only to those full-paid fire fighters who
9 retire on or after January 1, 1987, and, notwithstanding the provisions of
10 § 24-11-826, may exceed one hundred percent (100%) of final salary.

11 (B)(i) Before January 1, 2004, the increase in benefit
12 levels provided under subdivision (d)(1)(B) of this section for service
13 beyond twenty (20) years shall apply only to those volunteer or part-paid
14 fire fighters who retire on or after January 1, 1987, and, notwithstanding
15 the provisions of § 24-11-826, may exceed one hundred percent (100%) of final
16 salary.

17 (ii) Beginning January 1, 2004, the increase in
18 benefit levels provided under subdivision (d)(1)(B) of this section for
19 service beyond twenty (20) years shall apply to those volunteer or part-paid
20 fire fighters who retired before or after January 1, 1987, and,
21 notwithstanding the provisions of § 24-11-826, may exceed one hundred percent
22 (100%) of final salary. However, the pension fund shall not pay benefits
23 retroactively for those volunteers or part-paid fire fighters who retired
24 before January 1, 1987.

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26 /s/ King
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