

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

Act 1278 of 2003  
SENATE BILL 43

5 By: Senator T. Smith  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 ARKANSAS CODE § 24-11-820 IS AMENDED TO ALLOW THE  
10 FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND TO PAY BENEFITS  
11 TO THE SPOUSE OF MEMBERS WHO MARRY AFTER  
12 RETIREMENT; TO ALLOW SPOUSES TO CONTINUE TO  
13 RECEIVE BENEFITS AFTER REMARRIAGE IN CERTAIN  
14 CASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO ALLOW THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND  
17 PENSION FUND TO PAY BENEFITS TO THE  
18 SPOUSE OF MEMBERS WHO MARRY AFTER  
19 RETIREMENT, AND TO ALLOW SPOUSES TO  
20 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS AFTER  
21 REMARRIAGE IN CERTAIN CASES.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-11-820(b)(4) and (5), pertaining to  
28 retirement benefits after death of active or retired member of a firefighter,  
29 is amended to read as follows:

30 (4) If any spouse or child shall marry, ~~then the person so~~  
31 ~~marrying shall thereafter receive no further pension from the funds provided~~  
32 ~~for the operations of this act~~ he or she shall thereafter receive no further  
33 pension under this subchapter, except if he or she is a surviving spouse of a  
34 fire fighter who is killed while in the official performance of his or her  
35 duties, then that surviving spouse's benefits may be restored to the spouse  
36 whose benefits had been terminated before or after August 1, 1997, upon his



1 or her application to and approval by the board of trustees.

2 (5) If any retired fire fighter shall marry after his or her  
3 retirement, ~~the spouse, or that spouse's children, shall not receive benefits~~  
4 from the funds that surviving spouse may be entitled to a pension under this  
5 subchapter if he or she has been married to the firefighter for a period of  
6 at least five (5) years, if the board of trustees for the fund decides to  
7 extend this benefit for its members, and if the pension fund will be  
8 actuarially sound as determined by the actuary for the Arkansas Fire and  
9 Police Pension Review Board after this benefit increase is extended to  
10 members.

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