

**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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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 24

5 By: Senators Wilkinson, *Faris*  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 24-11-820 TO ENTITLE THE  
10 SURVIVING SPOUSES OF RETIRED FIRE FIGHTERS TO PENSION  
11 BENEFITS UNDER THE LOCAL FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUND  
12 IF MARRIED FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 ENTITLES THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF RETIRED  
16 FIREMEN TO BENEFITS UNDER FIRE PENSION  
17 FUNDS.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-11-820(b)(5), concerning the retirement  
24 benefits for spouses of retirees of fire pension and relief funds who marry  
25 after retirement, is amended to read as follows:

26 (5) If any retired fire fighter shall marry after his retirement, ~~the~~  
27 ~~spouse, or that spouse's children, shall not receive benefits from the funds~~  
28 that surviving spouse may be entitled to a pension under this subchapter if he  
29 or she has been married to the fire fighter for a period of at least five (5)  
30 years, if the board of trustees for the fund decides to extend this benefit  
31 for its members, and if the pension fund will be actuarially sound as  
32 determined by the actuary for the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review  
33 Board after this benefit increase is extended to members.  
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35 SECTION 2. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
36 CODIFY THIS SECTION.] No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be

1 implemented if it would cause the publicly-supported retirement system's  
2 unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty (30) year  
3 amortization. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be  
4 implemented by any publicly-supported system which has unfunded actuarial  
5 accrued liabilities being amortized over a period exceeding thirty (30) years  
6 until the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced to a level less than  
7 the standards prescribed by Arkansas Code, Title 24.

8 */s/ Wilkinson*

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