

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 545

Short Title: Firemen's/Rescue Pension Change.

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Sponsors: Senator Block.

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Referred to: Pensions & Retirement.

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March 20, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIREMEN'S AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 118-41.1 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 118-41.1. Additional retroactive membership.**

(a) Any fireman or rescue squad worker who is now eligible and is a member of a fire department or rescue squad chartered by the State of North Carolina and who has not previously elected to become a member may make application through the board of trustees for membership in the fund on or before March 31, 1987. The person shall make a lump sum payment of five dollars (\$5.00) per month retroactively to the time he first became eligible to become a member, plus interest at an annual rate of eight percent (8%), for each year of his retroactive payments. Upon making the lump sum payment, the person shall be given credit for all prior service in the same manner as if he had made application for membership at the time he first became eligible. Any member who made application for membership subsequent to the time he was first eligible and did not receive credit for prior service may receive credit for this prior service upon lump sum payment of five dollars (\$5.00) per month retroactively to the time he first became eligible, plus interest at an annual rate of eight percent (8%), for each year of his retroactive payments. Upon making this lump sum payment, the date of membership shall be the same as if he had made application for membership at the time he was first eligible. Any fireman or rescue squad worker who has applied for prior service under this subsection shall have until October 1, 1989, to pay for this prior

1 service and, if this payment is not made by October 1, 1989, he shall not receive credit  
2 for this service.

3 (b) Effective April 1, 1987, any fireman or rescue squad worker who has not  
4 reached his thirty-fifth birthday who is eligible and who has not previously elected to  
5 become a member may make application through the board of trustees for membership  
6 in the fund at any time. The person shall make a lump sum payment of five dollars  
7 (\$5.00) per month retroactively to the time he first became eligible to become a  
8 member, plus interest at an annual rate to be set by the board of trustees, for each year  
9 of his retroactive payments. Upon making this lump sum payment, the person shall be  
10 given credit for all prior service in the same manner as if he had made application for  
11 membership at the time he first became eligible. Any member who has not reached his  
12 thirty-fifth birthday who made application for membership subsequent to the time he  
13 was first eligible and did not receive credit for prior service may receive credit for such  
14 prior service upon lump sum payment of five dollars (\$5.00) per month retroactively to  
15 the time he first became eligible, plus interest at an annual rate to be set by the board of  
16 trustees, for each year of his retroactive payments. Upon making this lump sum  
17 payment, the date of membership shall be the same as if he had made application for  
18 membership at the time he was first eligible. Any fireman or rescue squad worker who  
19 applies for prior service under this subsection shall have six months from the date of his  
20 application to pay for this prior service and if the payment is not made within that time  
21 he shall not receive credit for the prior service."

22 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.