

included in the bylaws; providing that certain administrative and recordkeeping responsibilities of the Program may be delegated by the County Commissioners; providing that the Program may be funded within certain restrictions from general revenue county funds or any other available source; and generally relating to the establishment of a Volunteer Length of Service Award Program in Cecil County.

BY adding to

Article 25 - County Commissioners  
Section 32.5 to be under the new subtitle "Volunteer Length  
of Service Award Program"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

32.5.

(A) IN CECIL COUNTY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ESTABLISH AND FUND A VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, RESCUE SQUADS, AND AMBULANCE CORPS.

(B) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BY RESOLUTION, MAY ADOPT BYLAWS FOR A VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM.

(C) IN THE BYLAWS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY:

(1) DEFINE TERMS;

(2) ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES BASED ON LENGTH OF SERVICE, NUMBER OF HOURS OF SERVICE, AMOUNT OF TRAINING, NUMBER OF HOURS OF TRAINING, PRIOR SERVICE, OR ANY OTHER CRITERIA CONSIDERED RELEVANT BY THE BOARD BASED ON REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES RECOMMENDED BY THE CECIL COUNTY FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION;

(3) ESTABLISH APPEALS PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTEST ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT DETERMINATIONS BY THE BOARD;

(4) ESTABLISH A BENEFITS SCHEDULE AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING AGE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS;

(5) DELEGATE RECORDKEEPING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROGRAM TO THE VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM