



Legislative Update Firefighter's Pension Funds

U p d a t e U p d a t e U p d a t e **Public Act 91-0466** U p d a t e U p d a t e U p d a t e

Signed by Governor George H. Ryan, **August 6, 1999**

Law becomes effective Immediately

Changes Illinois Law

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| 1. Minimum Pension Payments | 40 ILCS 5/4 - 109.2 |
| 2. Creditable Service | 40 ILCS 5/4 - 108 |
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| 5. Duty Disability | 40 ILCS 5/4 - 110 |
| 6. Occupational Disease Disability Pension | 40 ILCS 5/4 - 110.1 |
| 7. Survivors Pension | 40 ILCS 5/4 - 114 |
| 8. Payroll Deduction | 40 ILCS 5/4 - 118.1 |

Synopsis:

Incrementally increases the minimum disability, survivor, and retirement pensions to \$1000 per month. **(Effective 1-01-1999 through 1-01-2001)**

Amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Increases the pension formula from 2% to 2.5% of salary for the 20th year + 1 month through 30th year of service. **(Effective 1-01-1999)**

Increases the required employee contribution by a total of 0.205% of salary. **(Effective date of Amendatory Act (8-6-1999))**

Allows firefighters to obtain service credit for a period of up to 3 years spent on duty, non duty, or occupational disease disability; requires a return to service for an equivalent period and payment of employee contributions before retirement. **(Effective date of Amendatory Act (8-6-1999) and for disability pensions granted after this date)**

With respect to occupational disease disability caused by certain cancers, provides that the cancer must arise as a result of employment as a firefighter. **(Effective immediately)**

Provides for calculation of the initial increase in retirement pension on a monthly (rather than annual) basis. **(Effective 1-01-1999)**

Increases the duty disability and occupational disease disability benefit to not less than 100% of the retirement pension for which the firefighter is eligible. **(Effective 1-01-1999)**

Provides that the pension of the surviving spouse of a firefighter who dies in the line of duty after 1993 shall not be less than 100% of the salary attached to the rank held by the deceased firefighter on the last day of service. **(Effective 1-01-2000)**

Provides an occupational disease disability benefit for stroke. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. **(Effective immediately)**

Pension Division Advisory Services

DETAILS:

Minimum pension payments 4-109.2 (b-d)

Minimum Retirement Pensions with 20 years of service	
Minimum Disability Pension	\$600/month
Minimum Surviving Spouse's Pension (Effective 1-1-1999) Retro Payment needed	
Effective 1-1-2000	\$800/month
Effective 1-1-2001	\$1000/month

Creditable Service 4-108 (7)

Up to three years available if:

- 1) Firefighter returns to active service after any disability for a period of time equal to that time for which credit is established.
- 2) Makes required contributions based upon salary on which disability pension is based, prior to retirement.
 - A. Contributions deducted from disability pension, no interest, otherwise, interest at 6% per year, compounded annually.
 - B. If excess contributions made, excess shall be refunded to Firefighter.

Rate of Pension 4-109

1/12 of 2.5% of service for years 20 (& one month) to 30 to a maximum of 75% of salary; effective for all pensions payable on or after 1-1-1999. Lump sum payment due from 1-1-1999.

Pension Increase 4-109.1 (d)

1/12 of 3% for each month elapsed since pension began; following 1st anniversary of retirement if 55 years of age or over. Effective on all initial increases payable after 1-1-1999. Recalculate & lump sum payment due 1-1-1999.

Duty Disability & Occupational Disease Disability 4-110 and 4-110.1

Pension shall be equal to greater of:

65% of salary attached to rank on last day worked
or

Retirement pension that the firefighter would be eligible to receive if he/she had retired (not including automatic annual increase in retirement pension) i.e. maximum pension (75%) remains at 75% until initial increase at age 60.

Occupational Disease Disability Pension 4-110.1

Insert; stroke as a cause, and a cancer must arise as a result of services as firefighter.

Survivors Pension 4-114 (i)

Effective 1-1-2000, on a death after 1-01-1994, the result of sickness, accident, injury incurred in or resulting from performance of an act of duty or cumulative effects of acts of duty shall be equal to 100% of salary attached to rank on last day of service.

Payroll Deduction 4-118.1

Effective at date of signing Amendatory Act (8-6-99), payroll deduction goes to 8.455%
