

CHAPTER 424A

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S RETIREMENT

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[For text of subds 1 to 8, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 9. **Limitation on ancillary benefits.** Any relief association, including any volunteer firefighters relief association governed by section 69.77 or any volunteer firefighters division of a relief association governed by chapter 424, may only pay ancillary benefits which would constitute an authorized disbursement as specified in section 424A.05 subject to the following limitations:

(a) With respect to a relief association in which governing bylaws provide for a lump sum service pension to a retiring member, no ancillary benefit may be paid to any former member or paid to any person on behalf of any former member after the former member (1) terminates active service with the fire department and active membership in the relief association; and (2) commences receipt of a service pension as authorized pursuant to this section; and

(b) With respect to any relief association, no ancillary benefit paid or payable to any member, to any former member, or to any person on behalf of any member or former member, may exceed in amount the total earned service pension of the member or former member. The total earned service pension shall be calculated using the service pension amount specified in the bylaws of the relief association and the years of service credited to the member or former member. The years of service shall be determined as of (1) the date the member or former member became entitled to the ancillary benefit; or (2) the date the member or former member died entitling a survivor or the estate of the member or former member to an ancillary benefit. The ancillary benefit shall be calculated (1) without regard to whether the member or former member had attained the minimum amount of service and membership credit specified in the governing bylaws; and (2) without regard to the percentage amounts specified in subdivision 2; except that the bylaws of any relief association may provide for the payment of a survivor benefit in an amount not to exceed five times the yearly service pension amount specified in the bylaws on behalf of any member who dies before having performed five years of active service in the fire department with which the relief association is affiliated.

[For text of subds 9a to 12, see M.S.1986]

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