

**424A.03 UNIFORMITY OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SERVICE PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS.**

Subdivision 1. **Limitation on nonuniformity of pensions.** Every partially salaried and partially volunteer firefighters' relief association must provide service pensions to volunteer firefighter members based on the years of service of the members not on the compensation paid to the members for firefighting services. Each relief association must provide service pensions to salaried members as set forth in chapter 424 and applicable special laws.

Subd. 2. **Penalties for violations.** A municipality which has a fire department associated with a relief association which violates the provisions of subdivision 1 is directly associated or which contracts with an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation associated with a relief association which violates the provisions of subdivision 1 is a subsidiary may not be included in the apportionment of fire state aid to the applicable county auditor under section 69.021, subdivision 6, and may not be included in the apportionment of fire state aid by the county auditor to the various municipalities under section 69.021, subdivision 7.

Subd. 3. **Exception to application of limitation and penalty.** The limitation provided for in subdivision 1 does not apply to any relief association which before January 1, 1957, had established a definite service pension formula for members of the partially salaried and partially volunteer firefighters' relief association who are regularly employed firefighters.

**History:** 1979 c 201 s 13; 1983 c 219 s 7; 1983 c 289 s 114 subd 1; 1984 c 655 art 1 s 92; 2009 c 169 art 10 s 37