

A bill for an act

relating to retirement; permitting the Hopkins Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association to allow a deferred member to apply for a disability benefit for a nonduty related disability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **HOPKINS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RELIEF ASSOCIATION; DISABILITY BENEFIT.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 424A, the Hopkins Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association may amend its bylaws:

(1) to define a nonduty-related total and permanent disability applicable to a deferred relief association member; and

(2) to permit an eligible person defined in paragraph (b) who meets the eligibility requirements of its bylaws for a deferred member nonduty total and permanent disability benefit, upon written application, to receive a disability benefit.

(b) An eligible person is a person who:

(1) was born on January 17, 1970;

(2) became an active member of the Hopkins Fire Department on April 7, 1988; and

(3) elected to become a deferred member of the Hopkins Fire Department on July 7, 2005.

(c) A nonduty total and permanent disability benefit for a deferred relief association member under this section may not exceed in total the amount of any vested deferred service pension amount, is payable one-half in the calendar year in which the disability benefit application is filed, and one-half in the calendar year next following the calendar

2.1 year in which the disability benefit application is filed, and, upon application filing, is in  
2.2 lieu of any other pension or benefit from the relief association special fund.

2.3 (d) Upon the October 1 next following the effective date of this section, if the Hopkins  
2.4 Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association amends its bylaws as provided in paragraph (a),  
2.5 clause (1), and if the eligible person applies for the disability benefit under paragraph  
2.6 (a), clause (2), accompanying the fire state aid and police and firefighter retirement  
2.7 supplemental state aid payable on that date, the commissioner of revenue shall also pay  
2.8 the Hopkins Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association an additional equal amount as an  
2.9 advance of the state aid payable to the city of Hopkins in the next following calendar year.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL.** This section is effective the day after  
2.11 the date on which the Hopkins city council and the Hopkins chief clerk timely complete  
2.12 their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.