

423A.11 RECOMPUTATION OF A DISABILITY BENEFIT AS A SERVICE PENSION.

Subdivision 1. **Termination of disability benefit.** The disability benefit of any disabled member of a local police or salaried firefighters relief association, whichever is applicable, shall terminate when the disabled member attains:

(1) the minimum age for the receipt of a service pension specified in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the relief association, if the disabled member has credit for at least the number of years of service for active duty which would entitle the disabled member to a service pension in an amount equal to the amount of the disability benefit; or

(2) the age attained by the disabled member when the total number of years of service credited for active duty and of years of receipt of a disability benefit equals the number of years of service credit which would entitle the disabled member to a service pension in an amount equal to the amount of the disability benefit, if the disabled member has credit for less than the number of years of service for active duty which would entitle the disabled member to a service pension in an amount equal to the amount of the disability benefit when the disabled member attains the minimum age for the receipt of a service pension specified in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the relief association.

Subd. 2. **Amount of disability benefit recomputed as a service pension.** After the disability benefit terminates, the disabled member shall be deemed to be a service pensioner and shall be entitled to receive a service pension in an amount equal to the disability benefit without any benefit offset required pursuant to any applicable provision of law, articles of incorporation or bylaws which was payable by the relief association immediately prior to the date when the disability benefit terminated pursuant to this section or the service pension otherwise payable based on the service credit for active duty of the person, whichever amount is greater. The disability benefit recomputed as a service pension shall be subject to any annual automatic postretirement adjustments or escalation applicable to any other service pension payable by the relief association.

Subd. 3. **Limitation on disability benefit coverage.** No relief association member who has attained the age and acquired the service credit for termination of a disability benefit specified in subdivision 1 shall be eligible for a disability benefit after that date. If a relief association member who is ineligible for a disability benefit solely pursuant to the limitation set forth in this subdivision becomes permanently unable to perform the duties of a police officer or a firefighter, whichever is applicable, by virtue of a medically determinable illness or injury, the member shall be eligible to a service pension in an amount equal to the amount of the disability benefit which would have been paid had the person been entitled to a disability benefit, or the amount of the service pension otherwise payable based on the service credit for active duty of the person, whichever is greater.

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