

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 807

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FIRE PROTECT/FIRE DEPTS: Establishes service award eligibility for all qualified firefighters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1510(A)(3), relative to fire protection districts and fire
3 departments; to allow expenditure of public funds for awards and recognition; to
4 establish service award eligibility for firefighters; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1510(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1510. Expenditure of public funds for awards, recognition, and meals

8 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a fire protection
9 district, municipal fire department, or volunteer fire department may expend public
10 funds in connection with the following activities:

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12 (3) The implementation and execution of a length of service awards
13 program. For the purposes of this Paragraph, a length of service awards program
14 ~~shall mean~~ means a program established by the fire protection district, municipal fire
15 department, or volunteer fire department that provides a monetary benefit, based
16 upon service, to eligible ~~volunteer~~ firefighters as determined by the fire protection
17 district, municipal fire department, or volunteer fire department. The length of
18 service awards program shall not be considered a vested right nor entitle the recipient
19 to any other benefit not directly related to the program's monetary benefit. The

1 length of service award shall not be considered permanent and may be discontinued
2 at any time.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows the use of public funds by a fire protection district or entity for the implementation of length of service awards program for all eligible firefighters.

Present law allows the use of public funds by fire districts, municipal fire departments, and volunteer fire departments for the implementation of length of service awards programs to eligible volunteer firefighters.

Proposed law retains present law in pertinent part and expands present law to include all eligible firefighters.

(Amends R.S. 40:1510(A)(3))