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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to retirement; specifying eligibility for a surviving spouse benefit from
1.3 the Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MINNEAPOLIS FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ASSOCIATION;**
1.6 **SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY EXCEPTION.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any eligibility requirement of Minnesota Statutes, section
1.8 423C.05, subdivision 7, or of any other applicable provision of law to the contrary, an
1.9 eligible person described in paragraph (b) is entitled to receive the annuity specified in
1.10 paragraph (c).

1.11 (b) An eligible person is a person who:

1.12 (1) was born in 1935;

1.13 (2) entered into an unmarried relationship in 1968 and continuously resided with an
1.14 individual who became a Minneapolis firefighter on May 17, 1976;

1.15 (3) married that individual on September 14, 2003, following the retirement of the
1.16 individual as a Minneapolis firefighter on August 2, 1999; and

1.17 (4) remained married to the retired Minneapolis firefighter until July 4, 2005, when
1.18 the retired firefighter unexpectedly died.

1.19 (c) The surviving spouse benefit is the amount calculated under Minnesota Statutes,
1.20 section 423C.05, subdivision 7, clause (1).

1.21 (d) The eligible person must provide any applicable documentation related to
1.22 paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (4), that the Board of Trustees of the Minneapolis Firefighters
1.23 Relief Association requires.

2.1 (e) The initial payment of the survivor benefit under this section must include the
2.2 retroactive benefit amounts, plus interest at a monthly rate of one-half of one percent from
2.3 the date on which the benefit retroactively accrued to the date on which the benefit is paid.

2.4 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.5 Section 1 is effective the first of the month next following the date on which the city
2.6 council of Minneapolis and the chief clerical officer of the city of Minneapolis timely
2.7 complete their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.