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H 1558. FIRE AND RESCUE AMENDMENT (=S 1232). TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREMEN'S AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND WITH AT LEAST TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO CONTINUE AS MEMBERS AFTER THE TAKEOVER OF A VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT BY A CITY OR COUNTY. Amends GS 58-86-55 in next to last paragraph to add to pension eligibility, under provisions on municipal annexation, members of cited pension fund whose volunteer department is taken over by a city or county (underlined words added) and because of <u>such takeover</u> are unable to perform as department workers any longer. Statute also explicitly adds <u>rescue squad workers</u> to coverage of this paragraph. Such persons may, if they have at least 10 years of service with the pension fund, be permitted to contributions for a total of 240 months. Member on attaining age of 55 years and completion of such contributions is entitled to receive pension as provided by statute. Effective when it becomes law; applies to members of the Firemen's and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund with at least 10 years of service on or after Jan. 1, 2002.

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