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**S 1238. CAREER FIRE AND RESCUE RETIREMENT.** Filed 3/21/07. TO DEFINE CAREER FIREFIGHTERS' AND CAREER RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' ACCRUAL RATES FOR MEMBERS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Amends statutory provisions governing the retirement system for local government employees in Article 3 of GS Chapter 128 to permit *career firefighters* and *career rescue squad workers* (defined in the act) to elect the same deferred service retirement allowance available to law enforcement officers in GS 128-24(5)b1 and b2. Amends GS 128-27(a) to change the age and service requirements applicable to firefighters under subdivision (1) of that provision and to make subdivision (5) applicable to career firefighters and career rescue squad workers. Replaces GS 128-27(b21) with new GS 128-27(b22), effective for members retiring on or after July 1, 2007, so that the provisions currently applicable to law enforcement officers will also apply to firefighters and rescue squad workers who retire on or after July 1, 2007.

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