

1 AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
5 changing Section 6-222 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/6-222) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 6-222)
7 Sec. 6-222. Administrative review.

8 (a) The provisions of the Administrative Review Law, and
9 all amendments and modifications thereof and the rules
10 adopted pursuant thereto shall apply to and govern all
11 proceedings for the judicial review of final administrative
12 decisions of the retirement board hereunder. The term
13 "administrative decision" is as defined in Section 3-101 of
14 the Code of Civil Procedure.

15 (b) If any fireman whose application for either a duty
16 disability benefit under Section 6-151 or for an occupational
17 disease disability benefit under Section 6-151.1 has been
18 denied by the Retirement Board brings an action for
19 administrative review challenging the denial of disability
20 benefits and the fireman prevails in the action in
21 administrative review, then the prevailing fireman shall be
22 entitled to recover from the Fund court costs and litigation
23 expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, as part of
24 the costs of the action.

25 (Source: P.A. 82-783.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
27 becoming law.