



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1648

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Brad Stephens

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/4-135

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-135

Amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a pensioner, annuitant, applicant for a refund, disability beneficiary, or other beneficiary does not have the right to transfer or assign his or her pension, annuity, refund, or disability benefit, or any part thereof, by mortgage or otherwise; except that an annuitant or disability beneficiary may direct, in writing, that a monthly payment be made to an association or organization with which the annuitant or disability beneficiary or the annuitant's or disability beneficiary's surviving spouse may be affiliated by virtue of his or her fire service or for hospitalization insurance purposes.

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1 AN ACT concerning 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 4-135 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/4-135) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-135)

7 Sec. 4-135. Benefits; exempt ~~Benefits—Exempt~~. No portion
8 of the pension fund shall, either before or after a board's
9 order of distribution to any retired firefighter or his or her
10 beneficiaries, be held, seized, taken subject to, or detained
11 or levied on by virtue of any process, injunction
12 interlocutory or other order or judgment, or any process or
13 proceeding whatever issued by any court of this State, for the
14 payment or satisfaction in whole or in part of any debt,
15 damages, claim, demand or judgment against any firefighter or
16 his or her beneficiaries, but the fund shall be held, secured
17 and distributed for the purposes of pensioning such
18 firefighter and beneficiaries and for no other purposes
19 whatever.

20 A pensioner, annuitant, applicant for a refund, disability
21 beneficiary, or other beneficiary does not have the right to
22 transfer or assign his or her pension, annuity, refund, or
23 disability benefit, or any part thereof, by mortgage or

1 otherwise; except that an annuitant or disability beneficiary
2 may direct, in writing, that a monthly payment be made to an
3 association or organization with which the annuitant or
4 disability beneficiary or the annuitant's or disability
5 beneficiary's surviving spouse may be affiliated by virtue of
6 his or her fire service or for hospitalization insurance
7 purposes.

8 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)