

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.)