

Exhibit D

Relief Association Membership

Topic:

Relief association trustees are seeking clarity on precisely when membership in a relief association begins. Some fire departments require probationary periods or training periods when a firefighter is first hired. Questions have arisen about whether relief association membership begins on the date a firefighter is hired, for example, or following completion of any required probationary or training period. Draft language is provided below that defines when membership in a relief association begins while maintaining flexibility for communities to establish local requirements.

Optional Change:

424A.001 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Terms defined.** Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, as used in this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given.

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Subd. 12. **Membership start date.** Membership in a volunteer firefighters relief association begins upon a volunteer firefighter's start date with the municipal fire department or independent nonprofit firefighting corporation with which the relief association is directly associated or, if minimum requirements are established, upon the volunteer firefighter's completion of the minimum requirements.