

## **Occupational Disease Disability (Heart)**

Chapter 40 Act 5 Article 5-154.1.

Recently the Pension Board has had full hearings on the Heart Disability cases. Officers applying for the disability must supply evidence to the Board on the condition of your heart that is rendering you disabled. The New York Heart Association publishes a classification of cardiac disease based on clinical severity and prognosis (see FOP web site). This is **one of the factors** for determining your disability. A letter stating this condition from your cardiologist is not adequate. You must also bring in the results that brought you to this heart classification such as electrocardiograms, stress tests, x-rays, echocardiograms, and radiological images. This evidence presented to the Pension Board Trustees and Doctor will create a clear picture on your disability and will eliminate delays on your award.