

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 31, 32, 34, 34A, 34B, 35, 36, 36A, and 37, inclusive, and the subtitle "Pensions" of Article 88B – Department of State Police of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed and reenacted, with amendments, and transferred to the Session Laws, to read as follows:

Pensions – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

[31.] 1.

(a) Whenever any of the employees of the Department OF STATE POLICE, who have elected not to become members of the State Police Retirement System of the State of Maryland, and any of the license examiners of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have given meritorious service as an employee for a period of fifteen continuous years, and shall have reached the age of 55 years, excepting the physician of the Department OF STATE POLICE who shall have reached the age of 65 years, the employees shall be eligible for retirement forthwith upon his or her voluntary application or may be retired by the Secretary OF STATE POLICE. These employees shall retire forthwith upon reaching the age of 64, excepting the physician of the Department OF STATE POLICE who shall be retired forthwith upon reaching the age of 70. In all retirements under the provisions of this section the employee in question shall be paid during the remainder of his or her natural life a salary or pension, payable monthly, equal to fifty percent (50%) of his or her annual remuneration, the annual remuneration to be taken as of the year immediately preceding the granting of his or her application for retirement; provided, however, that any employee who is retired and is receiving retirement benefits under the provisions of this subtitle and such benefits in the aggregate are less than \$200.00 per month, shall receive an additional sum so that the amount received as benefit is in no event less than \$200.00. Any employee who is retired and who is receiving retirement benefits under the provisions of this section and is also receiving benefits from the federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance System, when the benefits in the aggregate are less than \$200.00 per month shall receive an additional sum equal to the difference. No money payable under this subtitle shall, prior to issuance and delivery of the warrant or voucher therefor, be capable of being assigned, charged or taken in execution or attachment. All employees subject to the provisions of this subtitle shall contribute to the pension fund, hereinafter provided for, a sum equal to the contribution which the employees would have paid to the State Police Retirement System for all benefits thereunder had they elected to become members thereof. The amount of the contribution of each of the employees subject to the provisions of this subtitle shall be fixed annually in advance by the board of trustees of the retirement and pension system of the Maryland State Police and shall be deducted monthly from the remuneration of the employees and paid in lieu thereof to the board to be placed by it forthwith in the pension fund.

(b) For the purpose of determining the fifteen years of continuous meritorious service rendered by any of the employees of said Department OF STATE POLICE, transferred thereto from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or by any of the license examiners of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the years of service shall include those rendered to the Commissioner and/or to the Department as the case may be.