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**By: Delegates Marriott, DeCarlo, and Holt**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pensions - Martin State Airport Firefighters**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain firefighters for the Martin State Airport who are  
4 employed by the Military Department on or after a certain date to become members  
5 of a certain pension system; making membership optional for certain firefighters for  
6 the Martin State Airport employed by the Military Department on a certain date;  
7 altering the title of the pension system; providing for the transfer of certain funds;  
8 correcting certain cross-references; providing for the correction of certain  
9 cross-references; and generally relating to pensions for firefighters for the Martin  
10 State Airport employed by the Military Department.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
13 Section 20-101(aa) and 21-102(7); and 26-101, 26-102, 26-201, 26-202, 26-302(a),  
14 26-304(2) and (3), and 26-307(a)(1) to be under the amended title "Title 26.  
15 State Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Pension System"  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1994 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

18 BY renumbering  
19 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
20 Section 20-101(aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee), (ff), (gg), (hh), (ii), (jj), (kk), (ll), and  
21 (mm), respectively  
22 to be Section 20-101(mm), (aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee), (ff), (gg), (hh), (ii), (jj), (kk),  
23 and (ll), respectively  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (1994 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
27 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

2 20-101.

3 (aa) "[Natural Resources] STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND  
4 FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System" means the [Natural Resources] STATE Law  
5 Enforcement Officers' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System of the State of Maryland.

6 21-102.

7 The State Retirement and Pension System consists of:

8 (7) the [Natural Resources] STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND  
9 FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System, established on July 2, 1990;

10 Title 26.

11 [Natural Resources] STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS'  
12 Pension System.

13 26-101.

14 This title applies to the [Natural Resources] STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
15 OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System.

16 26-102.

17 Except as otherwise provided in this title, the operation of the [Natural Resources]  
18 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System shall be  
19 the same as the operation of the Employees' Pension System.

20 26-201.

21 This subtitle applies only to:

22 (1) an employee of the Department of Natural Resources commissioned by  
23 the Secretary of Natural Resources as:

24 [(1)] (I) a Natural Resources police officer; or

25 [(2)] (II) a law enforcement officer, other than a Natural Resources police  
26 officer; OR

27 (2) A FIREFIGHTER FOR THE MARTIN STATE AIRPORT EMPLOYED BY  
28 THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

29 26-202.

30 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual described in  
31 § 26-201 of this subtitle is a member of the [Natural Resources] STATE LAW  
32 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System as a condition of  
33 employment.

34 (b) Membership in the [Natural Resources] STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
35 OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System is optional for an individual described  
36 in § 26-201 of this subtitle who was employed:

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1 (1) by the Department of Natural Resources on July 1, 1990; OR

2 (2) BY THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 30, 1996.

3 26-302.

4 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a member is entitled to eligibility  
5 service for periods of employment while a member of the [Natural Resources] STATE  
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System.

7 26-304.

8 A member is entitled to eligibility service that equals:

9 (2) for a member who has transferred from the Employees' Retirement  
10 System, the member's creditable service recognized under the Employees' Retirement  
11 System through the date before the member became a member of the [Natural  
12 Resources] STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension  
13 System; and

14 (3) for a member who has transferred from the Employees' Pension System,  
15 the member's eligibility service recognized under the Employees' Pension System through  
16 the date before the member became a member of the [Natural Resources] STATE LAW  
17 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension System.

18 26-307.

19 (a) (1) In the year of retirement, a member may purchase service credit for  
20 eligibility service of up to 10 years for periods of employment for which the member:

21 (i) would have been entitled to purchase the service credit under the  
22 Employees' Pension System; and

23 (ii) is not otherwise entitled to service credit under the [Natural  
24 Resources] STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' Pension  
25 System.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 20-101(aa),  
27 (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee), (ff), (gg), (hh), (ii), (jj), (kk), (ll), and (mm), respectively, of Article  
28 - State Personnel and Pensions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be  
29 Section(s) 20-101(mm), (aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee), (ff), (gg), (hh), (ii), (jj), (kk), and (ll),  
30 respectively.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for employees who  
32 transfer from the Employees' Pension System or the Employees' Retirement System to  
33 the State Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Pension System under this Act, the  
34 Board of Trustees shall transfer to the accumulation fund of the Natural Resources  
35 Pension System the employer contributions that were made to the Employees'  
36 Retirement System and the Employees' Pension System on behalf of those members who  
37 transferred, plus the interest earned on those contributions through the date of transfer.

38 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the approval of  
39 the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference, the publishers of the Annotated  
40 Code of Maryland shall propose the correction of cross-references that are rendered

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1 incorrect by this Act and shall correct the references to the Natural Resources Law  
2 Enforcement Officers' Pension System or the Natural Resources Pension System that are  
3 rendered incorrect by this Act.

4 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 July 1, 1996.