
By: Senators Amoss, Miller, Hoffman, Lawlah, Ruben, Munson, Hogan, Kasemeyer, Currie, and Boozer

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority Police Officers - Pensions and Retirement**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain Maryland Transportation Authority police
4 officers to become members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System;
5 providing for certain exceptions; and generally relating to membership of Maryland
6 Transportation Authority police officers in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension
7 System.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
10 Section 26-201 and 26-202
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
15 Section 26-203.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1994 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

21 26-201.

22 (A) [This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THIS
23 subtitle applies only to:

24 (1) an employee of the Department of Natural Resources commissioned by
25 the Secretary of Natural Resources as:

26 (i) a Natural Resources police officer; or

27 (ii) a law enforcement officer, other than a Natural Resources police
28 officer; [or]

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1 (2) a law enforcement officer employed by the Maryland Investigative
2 Services Unit; OR

3 (3) A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
4 POLICE FORCE WHO HAS THE POWERS GRANTED TO A POLICE OFFICER UNDER §
5 4-208 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

6 (B) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION
7 AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICER WHO TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMPLOYEES'
8 RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM ON OR AFTER
9 DECEMBER 1, 1996.

10 26-202.

11 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual described in
12 § 26-201 of this subtitle is a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as
13 a condition of employment.

14 (b) Membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System is optional for
15 an individual described in § 26-201 of this subtitle who was employed:

16 (1) by the Department of Natural Resources on July 1, 1990; [or]

17 (2) by the Maryland Investigative Services Unit on June 30, 1995; OR

18 (3) BY THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON JUNE 30,
19 1997.

20 26-203.1.

21 For members who transfer from the Employees' Pension System or the Employees'
22 Retirement System, the Board of Trustees shall transfer to the accumulation fund of the
23 Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System the employer contributions that were made to
24 the Employees' Retirement System and the Employees' Pension System on behalf of
25 those members who transferred, plus the interest earned on those contributions through
26 the date of transfer.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 July 1, 1997.