

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 191

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 4, insert "Preamble

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Police is the State's lead law enforcement organization responsible for enforcing criminal laws, providing safer highways, reducing violent crimes, assisting with community policing activities, and leading anti-terrorist efforts; and

WHEREAS, A position with the Maryland State Police is a difficult, demanding, and dangerous lifestyle that takes its toll on those who serve to improve the quality of life in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The law enforcement professionals of the Maryland State Police sacrifice personal comfort and a restful family environment to promote public safety; and

WHEREAS, The men and women who serve in the Maryland State Police place their lives in jeopardy every day to protect the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, The members of the State Police Retirement System are not eligible for Social Security benefits and the State does not pay Social Security taxes for members of the System; and

WHEREAS, Enhanced benefits are necessary to retain and recruit quality and committed law enforcement officers to serve the State in a capacity that is critical to the safety and peace of all Marylanders; now, therefore,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 12, strike "2.65%" and substitute "2.5%"; in line 18, strike "77%" and substitute "70%".

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 24, strike “\$1,000” and substitute “\$1,200”; in line 26, strike “\$1,300” and substitute “\$1,500”; in line 28, strike “\$1,600” and substitute “\$1,800”; and in line 30, strike “\$1,900” and substitute “\$2,100”.

On page 4, in line 11, strike “\$1,000” and substitute “\$1,200”; in line 13, strike “\$1,300” and substitute “\$1,500”; in line 15, strike “\$1,600” and substitute “\$1,800”; in line 17, strike “\$1,900” and substitute “\$2,100”; and in line 23, strike “IT” and substitute “ITS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 10, strike “23” and substitute “22”; in line 14, strike “23” and substitute “22”; and in line 17, strike “5” and substitute “3”.

On page 7, in line 10, strike “6%” and substitute “5%”; and in the same line, strike “MONTHLY” and substitute “ANNUALLY”.