

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 537

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “requiring” and substitute “allowing”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 6 down through the semicolon in line 8; and in line 13, strike “(a)” and substitute “and 26-202”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 30, insert:

“(b) This subtitle does not apply to:

(1) a Maryland Transportation Authority police officer who transferred from the Employees’ Retirement System to the Employees’ Pension System on or after December 1, 1996;

(2) a deputy sheriff employed by the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department who transferred from the Employees’ Retirement System to the Employees’ Pension System on or after December 1, 1996;

(3) a member of the University of Maryland Police Force who transferred from the Employees’ Retirement System to the Employees’ Pension System on or after December 1, 1997;

(4) a law enforcement officer employed by a participating governmental unit who transferred from the Employees’ Retirement System to the Employees’ Pension System on or after December 1, 1997;

(5) a Maryland Port Administration police officer who transferred from the Employees’ Retirement System to the Employees’ Pension System on or after December 1, 1997;

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(6) a State Fire Marshal or Deputy State Fire Marshal who transferred from the Employees' Retirement System to the Employees' Pension System on or after December 1, 1996;

(7) a member of the Morgan State University Police Force who transferred from the Employees' Retirement System to the Employees' Pension System on or after December 1, 1997;

(8) a member of the BWI Airport Fire & Rescue Department who transferred from the Employees' Retirement System to the Employees' Pension System on or after April 1, 1998; [or]

(9) a member of the Department of General Services, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Motor Vehicle Administration, or Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Police Force who transferred from the Employees' Retirement System to the Employees' Pension System on or after April 1, 1998; OR

(10) A FIREFIGHTER FOR THE MARTIN STATE AIRPORT EMPLOYED BY THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT WHO TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 1998.

26-202.

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

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System is optional for an individual described in § 26-201 of this subtitle:

(i) who was employed by the Department of Natural Resources on July 1, 1990 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 1997;

(ii) who was employed by the Maryland Investigative Services Unit on

June 30, 1995 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 1997;

(iii) who was employed by the Maryland Transportation Authority on June 30, 1997 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 1997;

(iv) who was employed by the Baltimore City Sheriff's Department on June 30, 1997 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 1997;

(v) who was employed by the University of Maryland Police Force on June 30, 1999 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 1999;

(vi) who is employed by a participating governmental unit on the effective date of participation on or after July 1, 1999 for that participating governmental unit and who elects membership within 6 months of the effective date of participation;

(vii) who was employed by the Maryland Port Administration Police Force and was subsequently transferred to and employed by the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force on July 1, 1998 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 1998;

(viii) who was employed by the office of the State Fire Marshal on June 30, 1998 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 1998;

(ix) who was employed by the Morgan State University Police Force on June 30, 1999 and who elects membership on or before December 31, 1999;

(x) who was employed by the BWI Airport Fire & Rescue Department on June 30, 2000, and who elects membership on or before December 29, 2000; [or]

(xi) who was employed by the Department of General Services, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Motor Vehicle Administration, and Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Police Force on June 30, 2000 and who elects membership on or before December 29, 2000; OR

(XII) WHO WAS EMPLOYED BY THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT AS

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A FIREFIGHTER AT MARTIN STATE AIRPORT ON JUNE 30, 2001, AND WHO ELECTS MEMBERSHIP ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2001.

(2) To elect to be a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, an individual shall file a written application with the State Retirement Agency.

(3) If an individual does not elect membership during the applicable period specified under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the individual may not become a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.”;

and in line 32, strike “October” and substitute “July”.