
By: **Delegate Oaks**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Police Retirement System and Law Enforcement Officers' Pension**
3 **System - DROP - Eligibility and Participation**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain eligibility requirements that certain members of
5 the State Police Retirement System or the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension
6 System must meet to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program
7 (DROP); repealing certain limitations on the length of time certain members of
8 the State Police Retirement System may participate in the DROP; providing for
9 the application of this Act; and generally relating to eligibility and participation
10 in the DROP for members of the State Police Retirement System or the Law
11 Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
14 Section 24-401.1(c) and (d) and 26-401.1(c) and (d)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

20 24-401.1.

21 (c) [(1) Except for the Secretary of the State Police, a] A member of the State
22 Police Retirement System is eligible to participate in the DROP if the member:

23 [(i)] (1) has at least 22 [and less than 28] years of eligibility
24 service; and

25 [(ii)] (2) is less than 60 years old.

26 [(2) The Secretary of the State Police is eligible to participate in the
27 DROP if the Secretary has at least 22 years of eligibility service.]

1 (d) An eligible member may elect to participate in the DROP for a period not
2 to exceed the lesser of:

3 (1) 4 years;

4 (2) [the difference between 28 years and the member's eligibility service
5 as of the date of the member's election to participate in the DROP and retire from the
6 State Police Retirement System;

7 (3)] the difference between age 60 and the member's age as of the date of
8 the member's election to participate in the DROP and retire from the State Police
9 Retirement System; or

10 [(4)] (3) a term selected by the member.

11 26-401.1.

12 (c) A member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System is eligible to
13 participate in the DROP if the member has at least 25 [and less than 30] years of
14 eligibility service.

15 (d) An eligible member may elect to participate in the DROP for a period not
16 to exceed the lesser of:

17 (1) 5 years; OR

18 (2) [the difference between 30 years and the member's eligibility service
19 as of the date of the member's election to participate in the DROP and retire from the
20 Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; or

21 (3)] a term selected by the member.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
23 construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any
24 individual who is a member of the State Police Retirement System and who joined the
25 DROP on or after July 1, 1999, and is a member of the DROP on the effective date of
26 this Act.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
28 construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any
29 individual who is a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System and
30 who joined the DROP on or after July 1, 1998, and is a member of the DROP on the
31 effective date of this Act.

32 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 2003.