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By: **Senator Colburn**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                           **State Police Retirement System - Special Disability Retirement Benefit -**  
3                           **Former Members**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing certain former members of the State Police Retirement  
5 System to receive a special disability retirement benefit; requiring certain  
6 former members of the State Police Retirement System to make certain  
7 payments to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System  
8 on or before a certain date; requiring certain former members of the State Police  
9 Retirement System to complete certain forms by a certain date; and generally  
10 relating to special disability retirement benefits for former members of the State  
11 Police Retirement System.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That:

14       (a)       This section applies to an individual who:

15               (1)       joined the State Police Retirement System on or before September 1,  
16 1971;

17               (2)       terminated employment with the Maryland State Police on or before  
18 December 30, 1982 and received a refund of the individual's member contributions to  
19 the State Police Retirement System plus interest; and

20               (3)       while working as a State trooper was partnered with an individual  
21 who was shot and killed in the line of duty.

22       (b)       Any individual described under subsection (a) of this section who pays to  
23 the Board of Trustees, in a single payment, the total refund of employee contributions  
24 plus interest that the individual received upon terminating State employment is  
25 entitled to a special retirement disability benefit as provided under § 29-110 of the  
26 State Personnel and Pensions Article equal to the lesser of:

27               (1)       the individual's average final compensation on December 30, 1982; or

28               (2)       the sum of:

1 (i) an annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the individual's  
2 accumulated contributions at retirement on December 30, 1982; and

3 (ii) a pension equal to two-thirds of the individual's average final  
4 compensation on December 30, 1982.

5 (c) To receive a special retirement disability allowance under subsection (b) of  
6 this section, on or before December 31, 2005, an individual shall:

7 (1) complete a claim for the special retirement disability allowance and  
8 file it with the Board of Trustees on a form that the Board of Trustees provides; and

9 (2) make the repayment described in subsection (b) of this section.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 2005.