

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Haddaway**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and
5 Pension System to accept certain applications for special disability retirement
6 submitted by a certain date from certain former members of the State Police
7 Retirement System; requiring certain former members of the State Police
8 Retirement System to make certain payments to the Board of Trustees for the
9 State Retirement and Pension System under certain circumstances on or before
10 a certain date; providing that certain former members of the State Police
11 Retirement System receive a certain benefit under certain circumstances; and
12 generally relating to special disability retirement benefits for a former member
13 of the State Police Retirement System.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

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

17 (1) joined the State Police Retirement System on or before September 1,
18 1971;

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

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

24 (b) The Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System shall
25 accept an application for consideration of a special disability retirement submitted
26 prior to December 31, 2006, from any individual described under subsection (a) of this
27 section.

1 (c) (1) If the Board of Trustees grants an individual described under
2 subsection (a) of this section a special disability retirement, the individual:

3 (i) shall pay to the Board of Trustees in a single payment within 6
4 months of the Board of Trustees granting the special disability, the total refund of
5 employee contributions plus interest that the individual received on terminating
6 State employment, plus regular interest on this refund through the date of
7 repayment; and

8 (ii) is entitled to a special retirement disability benefit equal to the
9 lesser of:

10 1. the individual's average final compensation on December
11 30, 1982; or

12 2. the sum of:

13 A. an annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the
14 individual's accumulated contributions at retirement; and

15 B. a pension equal to two-thirds of the individual's average
16 final compensation on December 30, 1982.

17 (2) The Board of Trustees shall adjust the allowance of the individual
18 who is subsequently granted a special disability retirement allowance retroactively to
19 the date the individual filed the application for special disability retirement under
20 subsection (b) of this section.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2006.