CHAPTER 15

(Senate Bill 65)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System - Line of Duty Death Benefits - Maryland Transportation Authority Employees

FOR the purpose of extending certain death benefits under certain circumstances to surviving spouses, certain minor children, or dependent parents of certain deceased members of the State Retirement and Pension System employed by the Maryland Transportation Authority; measure; and generally relating to line of duty death benefits for surviving spouses, minor children, and dependent parents of deceased members of the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Chapter 519 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008 Section 2

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

Chapter 519 of the Acts of 2008

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any individual who died on or after January 1, 2007, while employed by the State Highway Administration **OR THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY** as a member of the Employees' Retirement System or Employees' Pension System:

- (1) without willful negligence by the individual; and
- (2) with death arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.