SB0875/699136/1

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 875</u> (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "Line-of-Duty" in line 2 down through "Alterations" in line 3 and substitute "<u>Disability Benefits Study</u>".

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with "altering" in line 4 on page 1 down through "System" in line 16 on page 2 and substitute "<u>requiring the Department of</u> <u>Budget and Management, in consultation with the State Retirement Agency, to issue a</u> <u>certain request for information on the viability of replacing certain disability benefits</u> <u>provided by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System with a</u> <u>certain insurance program; requiring the Department to submit a certain report on or</u> <u>before a certain date; and generally relating to providing disability benefits under the</u> <u>State Retirement and Pension System</u>".

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 2 through line 2 on page 3, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 4, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows".

On pages 3 through 33, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 5 on page 3 through line 25 on page 33, inclusive, and substitute:

"(a) <u>The Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the</u> <u>State Retirement Agency, shall issue a request for information on the viability of</u> <u>replacing the disability benefits provided by the Board of Trustees for the State</u> <u>Retirement and Pension System under the State Personnel and Pensions Article with</u> <u>an insurance program that provides the same level of disability benefits and under the</u> <u>same conditions as provided by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and</u>

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<u>Pension System under the State Personnel and Pensions Article as of the effective date</u> <u>of this Act.</u>

(b) On or before December 1, 2016, the Department of Budget and Management shall report to the General Assembly and the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results of the study under subsection (a) of this section.".

On page 33, in line 26, strike "5." and substitute "<u>2.</u>".