

# SENATE BILL 647

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By: **Senator Bailey**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System and State Police Retirement**  
3 **System – Line-of-Duty Catastrophic Injury Disability**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain line-of-duty disability allowance to be paid to a  
5 member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System or the State Police  
6 Retirement System who is found to be disabled and unable to engage in any  
7 substantial gainful activity; and generally relating to line-of-duty disability  
8 allowances provided in the State Retirement and Pension System.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
11 Section 24–401.1(a) and 26–401.1(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
16 Section 24–401.1(k), 26–401.1(k), 29–109(c), 29–110, and 29–111  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 24-401.1.

2 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (2) "DROP" means the Deferred Retirement Option Program established  
4 under this section.

5 (3) "DROP member" means a member of the State Police Retirement  
6 System who:

7 (i) is eligible to participate in the DROP as provided in subsection  
8 (c) of this section; and

9 (ii) elects to participate in the DROP as provided in subsection (e) of  
10 this section.

11 (k) (1) A DROP member is eligible to apply for a special disability retirement  
12 allowance under § 29-111 of this article if after the DROP member commences  
13 participation in the DROP:

14 [(i) the member is totally and permanently incapacitated for duty  
15 arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty that occurs while  
16 participating in DROP, and without willful negligence of the member; and

17 (ii) the medical board certifies that:

18 1. the member is totally incapacitated, either mentally or  
19 physically, for the further performance of duty by the occurrence described under item (i)  
20 of this paragraph;

21 2. the incapacity is likely to be permanent; and

22 3. the member should be retired.]

23 **(I) THE MEDICAL BOARD CERTIFIES THAT:**

24 **1. THE MEMBER IS TOTALLY INCAPACITATED FOR THE**  
25 **FURTHER PERFORMANCE OF DUTY;**

26 **2. THE INCAPACITY IS LIKELY TO BE PERMANENT; AND**

27 **3. THE MEMBER SHOULD BE RETIRED; AND**

28 **(II) THE MEMBER IS:**

1                   **1.    TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED,**  
2 **EITHER MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY, FOR THE FURTHER PERFORMANCE OF DUTY**  
3 **ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY**  
4 **WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER; OR**

5                   **2.    TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY UNABLE TO ENGAGE IN**  
6 **ANY SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY BECAUSE OF A MEDICALLY DETERMINABLE**  
7 **PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT THAT IS THE NATURAL AND PROXIMATE RESULT OF AN**  
8 **ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AT A DEFINITE**  
9 **TIME AND PLACE WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER.**

10                   (2)   (i)   If a DROP member is granted a special disability retirement  
11 allowance, the DROP member shall:

12                                 1.   submit an application to the Board of Trustees, on the  
13 form the Board of Trustees provides, to receive payment of the amount accrued in the DROP  
14 in accordance with subsection (i) of this section;

15                                 2.   execute a written waiver of any benefits to which the  
16 DROP member may be entitled under the DROP; and

17                                 3.   submit an application to retire with a special disability  
18 retirement allowance, on the form the Board of Trustees provides, stating the effective date  
19 of the DROP member's retirement as a special disability retiree.

20                   (ii)   On acceptance of the application for payment and application to  
21 retire, the Board of Trustees shall commence payment of a special disability allowance to  
22 the DROP member as provided in § 29–111(c) of this article, except that the DROP  
23 member's average final compensation shall be computed as of the effective date of the  
24 DROP member's application for a special disability retirement allowance.

25 26–401.1.

26                   (a)   (1)   In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

27                                 (2)   “DROP” means the Deferred Retirement Option Program established  
28 under this section.

29                                 (3)   “DROP member” means a member of the Law Enforcement Officers'  
30 Pension System who:

31   (i)   is eligible to participate in the DROP as provided in subsection  
32 (c) of this section; and

33   (ii)  elects to participate in the DROP as provided in subsection (e) of  
34 this section.

1 (k) (1) A DROP member is eligible to apply for an accidental disability  
 2 retirement allowance under § 29–109 of this article if after the DROP member commences  
 3 participation in the DROP:

4 [(i) the member is totally and permanently incapacitated for duty  
 5 arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty that occurs while  
 6 participating in the DROP, and without willful negligence of the member; and

7 (ii) the medical board certifies that:

8 1. the member is totally incapacitated, either mentally or  
 9 physically, for the further performance of duty by the occurrence described under item (i)  
 10 of this paragraph;

11 2. the incapacity is likely to be permanent; and

12 3. the member should be retired.]

13 **(I) THE MEDICAL BOARD CERTIFIES THAT:**

14 1. **THE MEMBER IS TOTALLY INCAPACITATED FOR THE**  
 15 **FURTHER PERFORMANCE OF DUTY;**

16 2. **THE INCAPACITY IS LIKELY TO BE PERMANENT; AND**

17 3. **THE MEMBER SHOULD BE RETIRED; AND**

18 **(II) THE MEMBER IS:**

19 1. **TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED,**  
 20 **EITHER MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY, FOR THE FURTHER PERFORMANCE OF DUTY**  
 21 **ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY**  
 22 **WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER; OR**

23 2. **TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY UNABLE TO ENGAGE IN**  
 24 **ANY SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY BECAUSE OF A MEDICALLY DETERMINABLE**  
 25 **PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT THAT IS THE NATURAL AND PROXIMATE RESULT OF AN**  
 26 **ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AT A DEFINITE**  
 27 **TIME AND PLACE WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER.**

28 (2) (i) If a DROP member is granted an accidental disability retirement  
 29 allowance, the DROP member shall:

1                   1.       submit an application to the Board of Trustees, on the  
2 form the Board of Trustees provides, to receive payment of the amount accrued in the DROP  
3 in accordance with subsection (i) of this section;

4                   2.       execute a written waiver of any benefits to which the  
5 DROP member may be entitled under the DROP; and

6                   3.       submit an application to retire with an accidental  
7 disability retirement allowance, on the form the Board of Trustees provides, stating the  
8 effective date of the DROP member's retirement as an accidental disability retiree.

9                   (ii)     On acceptance of the application for payment and application to  
10 retire, the Board of Trustees shall commence payment of an accidental disability allowance  
11 to the DROP member as provided in § 29-110 of this article, except that the DROP  
12 member's average final compensation shall be computed as of the effective date of the  
13 DROP member's application for an accidental disability retirement allowance.

14 29-109.

15           (c)     The Board of Trustees shall grant an accidental disability retirement  
16 allowance to a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System if:

17                   (1)     [the member is totally and permanently incapacitated for duty arising  
18 out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty without willful negligence by the  
19 member; and

20                   (2)]    the medical board certifies that:

21                   (i)     the member is totally incapacitated[, either mentally or  
22 physically,] for the further performance of duty;

23                   (ii)    the incapacity is likely to be permanent; and

24                   (iii)  the member should be retired; AND

25                   (2)    **THE MEMBER IS:**

26                   (I)     **TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED, EITHER**  
27 **MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY, FOR THE FURTHER PERFORMANCE OF DUTY ARISING**  
28 **OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WITHOUT**  
29 **WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER; OR**

30                   (II)    **TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY UNABLE TO ENGAGE IN ANY**  
31 **SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY BECAUSE OF A MEDICALLY DETERMINABLE**  
32 **PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT THAT IS THE NATURAL AND PROXIMATE RESULT OF AN**

1 ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AT A DEFINITE  
2 TIME AND PLACE WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER.

3 29–110.

4 (a) This section does not apply to the State Police Retirement System.

5 (b) Except as provided in [subsection (c)] **SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (E)** of this  
6 section, an accidental disability retirement allowance equals the lesser of:

7 (1) the member's average final compensation; or

8 (2) the sum of:

9 (i) an annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the member's  
10 accumulated contributions at retirement; and

11 (ii) a pension equal to two-thirds of the member's average final  
12 compensation.

13 (c) (1) This subsection applies to a member of a State system other than the  
14 Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who is at least normal retirement age.

15 (2) An accidental disability retirement allowance equals the greater of:

16 (i) a normal service retirement allowance; or

17 (ii) an accidental disability retirement allowance computed in  
18 accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

19 (d) (1) This subsection applies only to a member of the Employees' Pension  
20 System who:

21 (i) is promoted within the Department of Corrections to a position  
22 that no longer is eligible for membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System  
23 as provided in § 25–201 of this article;

24 (ii) elects not to transfer the years of creditable service the individual  
25 accrued in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to the Employees' Pension System;  
26 and

27 (iii) is eligible to receive a vested allowance from the Correctional  
28 Officers' Retirement System.

29 (2) A member may receive an accidental disability retirement allowance  
30 under this section if the member:

1 (i) does not elect to receive a vested allowance from the Correctional  
2 Officers' Retirement System; and

3 (ii) transfers the member's accumulated contributions in the  
4 Correctional Officers' Retirement System to the Employees' Pension System.

5 **(E) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A MEMBER OF THE LAW**  
6 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM.**

7 **(2) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A MEMBER WHO THE MEDICAL**  
8 **BOARD CERTIFIES IS DISABLED, AS DETERMINED UNDER § 29-109(C)(2)(II) OF THIS**  
9 **SUBTITLE.**

10 **(3) AN ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FOR AN**  
11 **INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED AS DISABLED UNDER § 29-109(C)(2)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE**  
12 **EQUALS THE SUM OF:**

13 **(I) AN ANNUITY THAT IS THE ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT OF THE**  
14 **MEMBER'S ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS AT RETIREMENT; AND**

15 **(II) A PENSION EQUAL TO 100% OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE**  
16 **FINAL COMPENSATION.**

17 **(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (5) AND (6) OF THIS**  
18 **SUBSECTION, IF A BENEFIT IS PAID TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF**  
19 **THIS SUBSECTION, A BENEFIT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT**  
20 **BE PAID TO THE INDIVIDUAL.**

21 **(5) (I) A BENEFIT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE**  
22 **REDUCED TO THE BENEFIT PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IF**  
23 **THE INDIVIDUAL:**

24 **1. IS EMPLOYED AT ANY TIME BY A PARTICIPATING**  
25 **EMPLOYER; OR**

26 **2. ENGAGES IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY.**

27 **(II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A BENEFIT REDUCED UNDER**  
28 **SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR A BENEFIT**  
29 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

30 **(6) (I) EACH YEAR, AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING A BENEFIT UNDER**  
31 **PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PROVIDE TO THE STATE RETIREMENT**  
32 **AGENCY THE INDIVIDUAL'S ANNUAL FEDERAL TAX RETURN WITH SUPPORTING**

1 DOCUMENTATION AND ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE STATE  
2 RETIREMENT AGENCY REQUIRES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SUBSECTION.

3 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY REQUEST AND THE STATE  
4 RETIREMENT AGENCY MAY GRANT AN EXTENSION TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION  
5 REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

6 (III) 1. IF AN INDIVIDUAL FAILS TO SUBMIT THE  
7 INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITHIN  
8 45 DAYS AFTER IT IS DUE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE NOTIFIED THAT THE  
9 INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT SHALL BE SUSPENDED.

10 2. IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT PROVIDE THE  
11 INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITHIN  
12 45 DAYS AFTER THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY SENDS THE NOTICE REQUIRED  
13 UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT  
14 SHALL BE SUSPENDED.

15 3. IF THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDES THE REQUIRED  
16 INFORMATION AFTER THE SUSPENSION IN BENEFITS UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2  
17 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF  
18 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE RESTORED, UNLESS THE BENEFIT IS REQUIRED TO BE  
19 REDUCED UNDER PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

20 (IV) IF AN INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT IS RESTORED UNDER  
21 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL RECEIVE A  
22 LUMP-SUM PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO ANY BENEFITS SUSPENDED IN  
23 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

24 (7) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2028, AND EACH NOVEMBER 1  
25 THEREAFTER, THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY SHALL REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE  
26 WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE  
27 ON PENSIONS THE NUMBER OF:

28 (I) DISABILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR  
29 SUBMITTED UNDER § 29-109(C)(2)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

30 (II) DISABILITY APPLICATIONS GRANTED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL  
31 YEAR UNDER § 29-109(C)(2)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

32 (III) RETIREES RECEIVING A DISABILITY BENEFIT UNDER THIS  
33 SUBSECTION;

1                   **(IV) BENEFITS REDUCED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR IN**  
2 **ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

3                   **(V) BENEFITS SUSPENDED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR IN**  
4 **ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

5 29–111.

6           (a) This section applies to the State Police Retirement System.

7           (b) Except as provided in § 24–401.1(k) of this article, the Board of Trustees shall  
8 grant a special disability retirement allowance to a member if:

9                   (1) [the member is totally and permanently incapacitated for duty arising  
10 out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty without willful negligence by the  
11 member; and

12                   (2)] the medical board certifies that:

13                           (i) the member is totally incapacitated[, either mentally or  
14 physically,] for the further performance of duty;

15                           (ii) the incapacity is likely to be permanent; and

16                           (iii) the member should be retired; AND

17           **(2) THE MEMBER IS:**

18                   **(I) TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED, EITHER**  
19 **MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY, FOR THE FURTHER PERFORMANCE OF DUTY ARISING**  
20 **OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WITHOUT**  
21 **WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER; OR**

22                   **(II) TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY UNABLE TO ENGAGE IN ANY**  
23 **SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY BECAUSE OF A MEDICALLY DETERMINABLE**  
24 **PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT THAT IS THE NATURAL AND PROXIMATE RESULT OF AN**  
25 **ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AT A DEFINITE**  
26 **TIME AND PLACE WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER.**

27           (c) Except as provided in [subsection (d)] **SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E)** of this  
28 section, a special disability retirement allowance equals the lesser of:

29                   (1) the member's average final compensation; or

30                   (2) the sum of:

1 (i) an annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the member's  
2 accumulated contributions at retirement; and

3 (ii) a pension equal to two-thirds of the member's average final  
4 compensation.

5 (d) (1) (I) This subsection applies to a member who is at least normal  
6 retirement age.

7 (II) **THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MEMBER WHO THE  
8 MEDICAL BOARD CERTIFIES IS DISABLED, AS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION  
9 (B)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION.**

10 (2) A special disability retirement allowance equals the greater of:

11 (i) a normal service retirement allowance; or

12 (ii) a special disability retirement allowance computed in accordance  
13 with subsection (c) of this section.

14 (E) (1) **THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A MEMBER WHO THE MEDICAL  
15 BOARD CERTIFIES IS DISABLED, AS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2)(II) OF  
16 THIS SECTION.**

17 (2) **A SPECIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FOR AN  
18 INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED AS DISABLED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2)(II) OF THIS  
19 SECTION EQUALS THE SUM OF:**

20 (I) **AN ANNUITY THAT IS THE ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT OF THE  
21 MEMBER'S ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS AT RETIREMENT; AND**

22 (II) **A PENSION EQUAL TO 100% OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE  
23 FINAL COMPENSATION.**

24 (3) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (4) AND (5) OF THIS  
25 SUBSECTION, IF A BENEFIT IS PAID TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF  
26 THIS SUBSECTION, A BENEFIT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OR (D) OF THIS SECTION MAY  
27 NOT BE PAID TO THE INDIVIDUAL.**

28 (4) (I) **A BENEFIT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
29 REDUCED TO THE BENEFIT PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OR (D) OF THIS  
30 SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL:**

1                   1.     IS EMPLOYED AT ANY TIME BY A PARTICIPATING  
2 EMPLOYER; OR

3                   2.     ENGAGES IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY.

4                   (ii)   AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A BENEFIT REDUCED UNDER  
5 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR A BENEFIT  
6 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

7                   (5)   (i)   EACH YEAR, AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING A BENEFIT UNDER  
8 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PROVIDE TO THE STATE RETIREMENT  
9 AGENCY THE INDIVIDUAL'S ANNUAL FEDERAL TAX RETURN WITH SUPPORTING  
10 DOCUMENTATION AND ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE STATE  
11 RETIREMENT AGENCY REQUIRES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12                   (ii)   AN INDIVIDUAL MAY REQUEST AND THE STATE  
13 RETIREMENT AGENCY MAY GRANT AN EXTENSION TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION  
14 REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

15                   (iii) 1.   IF AN INDIVIDUAL FAILS TO SUBMIT THE  
16 INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITHIN  
17 45 DAYS AFTER IT IS DUE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE NOTIFIED THAT THE  
18 INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT SHALL BE SUSPENDED.

19                   2.   IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT PROVIDE THE  
20 INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITHIN  
21 45 DAYS AFTER THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY SENDS THE NOTICE REQUIRED  
22 UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT  
23 SHALL BE SUSPENDED.

24                   3.   IF THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDES THE REQUIRED  
25 INFORMATION AFTER THE SUSPENSION IN BENEFITS UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2  
26 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF  
27 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE RESTORED, UNLESS THE BENEFIT IS REQUIRED TO BE  
28 REDUCED UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

29                   (iv)  IF AN INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT IS RESTORED UNDER  
30 SUBPARAGRAPH (iii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL RECEIVE A  
31 LUMP-SUM PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO ANY BENEFITS SUSPENDED IN  
32 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (iii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

33                   (6)   ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2028, AND EACH NOVEMBER 1  
34 THEREAFTER, THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY SHALL REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE

1 WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE  
2 ON PENSIONS THE NUMBER OF:

3 (I) DISABILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR  
4 SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION;

5 (II) DISABILITY APPLICATIONS GRANTED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL  
6 YEAR UNDER (B)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION;

7 (III) RETIREES RECEIVING A DISABILITY BENEFIT UNDER THIS  
8 SUBSECTION;

9 (IV) BENEFITS REDUCED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR IN  
10 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

11 (V) BENEFITS SUSPENDED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR IN  
12 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to  
14 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or  
15 application to any accident that occurred before the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 July 1, 2027.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.