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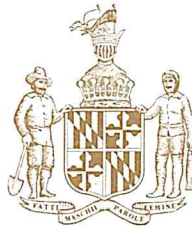
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**Testimony in Support of HB 588**  
**State Police Retirement System and Law Enforcement Officers'**  
**Pension System – Member Contributions**

**Delegate Michael A. Jackson**

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House Bill 588 exempts members of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) and the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System (LEOPS) from making member contributions when they stop accruing benefits. Specifically, SPRS members stop making contributions when they reach 28 years of service, and LEOPS members stop making contributions when they reach 32 years and 6 months of service.

Under current law, SPRS members earn their maximum benefit after 28 years of service. LEOPS members, at the current benefit accrual rate, earn their maximum benefit after 32 years and 6 months of service.

House Bill 588 provides fundamental fairness for the members of the SPRS and LEOPS by providing that a member is not required to contribute to the system when they will no longer receive additional pension benefits.

I would ask for your support of this proposal.