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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chairman and Members of the Budget & Taxation Committee

RE: **SB264 - Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Benefits**

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

The MTA supports SB 264 which alters the accrual rate from 2.0% to 2.5% for calculating retirement for LEOPS. We also support altering the maximum benefit for LEOPS to receive from 65% to 70% of the member's average final compensation.

Applications to the Maryland State Police are down 40% over last year. This proposed alteration to pension systems could significantly benefit the state in retaining Troopers, as well as assist in new recruiting.

Troopers devote their lives to serving the people of Maryland and this legislation has the potential to benefit the retirement savings of members of the Maryland Troopers Association. This is not only well-deserved for the protectors of our state, but it could also be an incentive for recruitment and retention within Maryland State Police.

Therefore, we support SB 264 and urge a favorable report.

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