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CHAPTER 353

(Senate Bill 822)

AN ACT concerning

Pensions for the Sheriff of Kent County

FOR the purpose of providing a pension plan covering certain members of the Sheriff's Department of Kent County.

BY adding to

Article 25 - County Commissioners  
Section 3(g-2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 3(g-2) be and it is hereby added to Article 25 - County Commissioners, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

3.

(G-2) IN KENT COUNTY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ESTABLISH A PENSION PLAN FOR THE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE SHERIFF AND EACH EMPLOYEE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE PLAN SHALL PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS' SERVICE REGARDLESS OF AGE, AND FOR EARLY RETIREMENT AFTER 20 YEARS' ACTIVE SERVICE. RETIREMENT INCOME SHALL BE 70 PERCENT OF AVERAGE EARNINGS OVER THE FINAL THREE YEARS' EMPLOYMENT, REDUCED BY 2 PERCENT OF THIS AVERAGE FOR EVERY YEAR OF ACTIVE SERVICE LESS THAN 30, LESS THREE-QUARTERS THE AMOUNT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS PAID.

THE PLAN SHALL BE RETROACTIVE TO INCLUDE ANY LIVING PERSON WHO IS WORKING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR WHO HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AND SHALL APPLY BACK TO THE DATE OF THAT EMPLOYMENT. THE PLAN SHALL CONTAIN DISABILITY PROVISIONS AND DEATH BENEFITS FOR SPOUSE AND MINOR CHILDREN. EMPLOYEE'S CONTRIBUTION SHALL NOT EXCEED 7 PERCENT ON THE FIRST \$9,000 OF ANNUAL EARNINGS PLUS 10 PERCENT ON ANNUAL EARNINGS IN EXCESS OF \$9,000. THERE SHALL BE A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT AND A