

four years of service, each police employee shall receive, in addition to the base pay received by him during each month of every year coming after the first three years of his service, an amount equal to 5% of said base pay for the first three years of service, 10% for the second three years and so on until the total of his years of service is twenty-four; and after he has had twenty-four years of service, his longevity pay shall continue to be 40% of whatever his base pay may be thereafter, from time to time. Such amount shall be paid to him simultaneously with his base pay. Any increase or decrease in base pay, received in any month of any such three year period by reason of promotion, demotion or otherwise shall be taken into account in determining the longevity pay receivable by any such employee and, in figuring the same, the 5%, or multiple or multiples thereof, as the case may be, shall be taken of the increased or decreased base pay. In calculating longevity pay for those who are police employees of the Department on May 4, 1943, the years of service rendered by each such employee to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and/or to the Department prior to the beginning of the fiscal year ending in 1944 and to the Department thereafter shall be taken into account.

Every police employee retired on pension under the provisions of this Article shall be paid a pension determined by using his annual remuneration, and all contributions made by such police employee to the pension fund of said Department shall be made from said annual remuneration. "Annual remuneration," as used in this Article, shall mean base pay plus the longevity pay herein provided for.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 31 of said Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "State Police", sub-title "Pensions", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

31. Whenever any of the employees of the Department of Maryland State Police and any of the license examiners of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have given meritorious service as such employee for a period of ten continuous years, and shall have reached the age of 55 years, such employee shall be eligible for retirement upon his voluntary application or may be retired by the Superintendent of the Department of Maryland State Police, provided such employee be found, after medical examination given by a Medical Board of three physicians, consisting of the Medical Examiner of the Department of Mary-