

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Pensions", said new section to be known as Section 3A, to follow immediately after Section 3 of said Article, and to read as follows:*

*3A. (a) Any person who was an employee on October 1, 1941, who elected in 1941 or 1942 not to be covered in the membership of the retirement system, and who has been an employee continuously since that time shall have a further opportunity to elect to become a member of the retirement system, at any time between July 1, 1951, and December 31, 1951, both dates inclusive, and not thereafter. If during that time he elects to be covered in the membership of the retirement system, his membership therein shall begin as of the first day of the calendar month next following the day of his election, subject to the conditions of this section and of the other provisions of this Article not inconsistent with this section. Any person who thus becomes a member of the retirement system shall receive credit therein for what would have been his prior service as of October 1, 1941. Before being admitted to such membership, any such person shall pay to the retirement system the full amount of what would have been his accumulated contributions therein had he in fact belonged to the system from October 1, 1941, to the date upon which he becomes a member under the provisions of this section, together with regular interest thereon. The State shall make such matching contributions to the retirement system as it would have made had the person in fact belonged to the system from October 1, 1941, to the date upon which he becomes a member under the provisions of this section, together with regular interest thereon. Provided, however, that the payment by the State of such matching contributions and also its payment of the prior service credit may together be paid at such times and in such amounts as may be recommended by the actuary for the retirement system.*

*(b) Any person who was an employee on October 1, 1941, who elected in 1941 or 1942 not to be covered in the membership of the retirement system, who has been an employee continuously after October 1, 1941, and who subsequently joined the Retirement System as a new member, shall have a similar opportunity to elect to be covered by the provisions of this section. Any such person shall pay to the Retirement System the full amount of what would have been his accumulated contributions therein for the period from October 1, 1941 to the date on which he subsequently became a new member of the System, had he in fact belonged to the system during such period, to-*