

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision, clause, sentence, or section of this sub-title shall be declared to be invalid or in violation of any provision of the State or Federal Constitution the remainder of said sub-title shall stand and be effective notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.

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CHAPTER 636

(House Bill 228)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Pensions," sub-title "Social Security Benefits"; to add a new Section 33A thereto, to follow immediately after Section 33 thereof; to add Sections 38, 39 and 40 thereto, to follow immediately after Section 37 thereof, generally amending the laws of this State concerning the availability of Old Age and Survivors' Insurance under the Social Security Act of the United States for employees of the State of Maryland and of its political sub-divisions in order to make possible more extended coverage of State and local public employees under the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance System and relating generally to the membership and benefits for State and local public employees in Maryland in the Federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance System as embodied in the Social Security Act of the United States.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Pensions," sub-title "Social Security Benefits," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that Section 33A be and it is hereby added thereto, to follow immediately after Section 33 thereof; that Sections 38, 39 and 40 be and they are hereby added thereto, to follow immediately after Section 37 thereof, and all to read as follows:

31. Declaration of policy.

In order to extend to employees of the State of Maryland and the political subdivisions of the State of Maryland and to the dependents and survivors of such employees, the basic protection accorded to others by the old age and survivors' insurance system embodied in the Social Security Act of the United States, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the legislature, subject to the limitations of this sub-title, that such steps be taken as to provide such protection to em-

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.