

option chosen shall be used as the basis for the determination of the supplementary payment, provided, however, that no beneficiary will receive a total retirement allowance, together with the supplementary payment which he received from the State of Maryland, but not including any additional benefits which he received from any political sub-division thereof, which is less than that received during the year preceding July 1, 1953.]

(a) *which is not less than the rate of the supplementary payment received by any beneficiary prior to July 31, 1955, and*

(b) *which, when added to the benefits provided in Section 109 of this Article, is not less than \$1,200 per annum; provided, however, that the said beneficiary or member who may be retired from service in the future is credited with 25 years of service, and provided that any beneficiary, or member who may be retired from service in the future, having less than 25 years of creditable service shall have his supplemental payment reduced in proportion to the ratio of the number of years of creditable service divided by 25, and provided that no such reduction shall be made for any beneficiary or member who may be retired in the future who was retired for disability, and*

(c) *which is computed from the ratio of:*
 $\$3,000$ *minus the benefits provided in Section 109 of this Article, divided by seven (?), and*

(d) *multiplied by the ratio of the number of years of creditable service divided by 25, except that this ratio shall not be applied to any beneficiary or member who was or who may be retired for disability having less than 25 years of creditable service, and*

(e) *provided that the retirement allowance used in calculating the supplementary payment shall be the total benefits provided in Section 109 of this Article except that it shall not be based on any optional benefit chosen by the beneficiary or member.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 31, 1955.*

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 599

(Senate Bill 516)

AN ACT to add Section 508 to Article 12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Garrett County", said new section to follow immediately after Section 507D thereof, said section having been enacted by Chapter 722 of the Acts of 1953, and to be under the new sub-title "Taxes", relating to a tax on cigarettes in Garrett County.

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.