

of this section the employee in question shall be paid during the remainder of his natural life a salary or pension, payable monthly, equal to fifty percent (50%) of his annual remuneration, said annual remuneration to be taken as of the year immediately preceding the granting of his application for retirement. No money payable under this sub-title shall, prior to issuance and delivery of the warrant or voucher therefor, be capable of being assigned, charged or taken in execution or attachment. All employees subject to the provisions of this subtitle shall contribute to the pension fund, hereinafter provided for, a sum equal to the contribution which such employees would have paid to the State Police Retirement System for all benefits thereunder had they elected to become members thereof. The amount of the contribution of each of the employees subject to the provisions of this subtitle shall be fixed annually in advance by the board of trustees of the retirement and pension system of the Maryland State Police and shall be deducted monthly from the remuneration of the said employees and paid in lieu thereof to the said board to be placed by it forthwith in said pension fund. The said fund shall also consist of all fines imposed upon members of the Maryland State Police by way of discipline, donations, all lost, abandoned, unclaimed or stolen money, which may remain in the possession of said Department for the space of three years and for which there shall be no lawful claimant, and net proceeds of sale of unclaimed property in the custody of said Department.

(b) For the purpose of determining the fifteen years of continuous meritorious service rendered by any of the employees of said Department, transferred thereto from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or by any of the license examiners of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the years of service shall include those rendered to said Commissioner and/or to said Department as the case may be.

53. Benefits.

(1) Service retirement benefit. (a) Any member in service may retire upon written application to the board of trustees setting forth at what time, not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days subsequent to the execution and filing thereof, he desires to be retired, provided that such member at the time so specified for his retirement shall have attained the age of fifty-five and notwithstanding that during such period of notification he may have separated from service, *excepting the physician of the Department who shall have attained the age of 65 at the time specified for his retirement.*

(c) Any member in service who has attained the age of sixty-four shall be retired on the first day of the next calendar month after attaining such age, *excepting the physician of the Department who shall be retired on the 1st day of the next calendar month after attaining the age of 70.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.*

Approved April 24, 1961.