

it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(15) "Average final compensation" shall mean the average annual earnable compensation of an employee for the five consecutive years of service as an employee during which his earnable compensation was highest, or if he had less than five years of service, then his average earnable compensation for his total service.

*Beginning July 1, 1963, the provisions of this sub-section shall apply to members who retired prior to July 1, 1955 as well as to those who retired on or after that date.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1963.*

Approved April 17, 1963.

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CHAPTER 330

(Senate Bill 494)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12 ~~and Section 31~~ of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-titles "Mode of Issuing—General Provisions" and "Hawkers and Peddlers", exempting Baltimore City from the provisions of said ~~sections~~ SECTION which relate to the securing of permits or licenses to transact any business or occupation ~~or to sell at retail certain fruits and produce~~ and the payment of a tax or fee in connection therewith.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 12 ~~and Section 31~~ of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-titles "Mode of Issuing—General Provisions" and "Hawkers and Peddlers", be and they are* IT IS hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

12.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this article, no county, city or other political subdivision of this State shall require any person, firm or corporation to obtain a permit or license to transact in such county, city or other political subdivision, any business or occupation for which it or he is required to obtain a State license under the provisions of this article, nor shall any county, city or other political subdivision of this State levy any occupational tax or fee upon such person, firm or corporation for transacting any such business or engaging in any such occupation for which such State license is required. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any county, city or other political subdivision of this State may require permits or licenses to be obtained where necessary for regulatory purposes in the interest of the public health, safety or morals. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to be repealed by any local act here-