

and mandatory retirement at age 60; to amend the allowance for service retirement; to permit ordinary disability retirement after five years of creditable service; to amend the ordinary disability retirement allowance; to increase the pension payable upon special disability retirement and to provide a pension to widows and children upon death after special disability retirement; to provide for revised rates of contribution by members; to provide for benefits to qualified survivors upon death after service or ordinary disability retirement, ~~and to provide for a vested retirement allowance upon separation from service after twenty years of creditable service,~~ and generally revising the laws applicable to the State Police Retirement System and Department of Maryland State Police.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 49 (15), 53 (1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7) (a), and (7) (c), and 56 (1) (a), (1) (b) and (1) (e) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "State Police," subtitle "State Police Retirement System" be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

49.

(15) "AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION" SHALL MEAN THE AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNABLE COMPENSATION OF AN EMPLOYEE DURING 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; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT DURING THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT "AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION" WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A SUM EQUAL TO 1/60 OF \$1600 MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF MONTHS REMAINING IN THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD SUBSEQUENT TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT.

53.

(1)(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 50 [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.

(b) The Superintendent of Maryland State Police is authorized, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, to order any member in service who shall have attained the age of 50 [fifty-five] to retire on the first day of the next calendar month after which such member shall be notified of the Superintendent's order, provided, that said Board, before giving its approval as aforesaid, shall first give at least 10 days notice to the member concerned and afford him an opportunity to be heard.