

OR HER voluntary application or may be retired by the Superintendent of the Department of Maryland State Police. [Such] THESE employees shall retire forthwith upon reaching the age of 64, excepting the physician of the Department who shall be retired forthwith upon reaching the age of 70. In all retirements under the provisions of this section the employee in question shall be paid during the remainder of his OR HER natural life a salary or pension, payable monthly, equal to fifty percent (50%) of his OR HER annual remuneration, [said] THE annual remuneration to be taken as of the year immediately preceding the granting of his OR HER application for retirement; provided, however, that any employee who is retired and is receiving retirement benefits under the provisions of this section and § 31A and such benefits in the aggregate are less than \$200.00 per month, shall receive an additional sum so that the amount received as benefit is in no event less than \$200.00. Any employee who is retired and who is receiving retirement benefits under the provisions of this section and is also receiving benefits from the federal old age and survivors insurance system, when [such] THE benefits in the aggregate are less than \$200.00 per month shall receive an additional sum equal to [such] THE difference. No money payable under this subtitle 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] THE 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 be placed by it forthwith in [said] THE 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] THE 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] THE 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] THE Commissioner and/or to [said] THE Department as the case may be.

(c) Every police employee retired on pension under the provisions of this article shall be paid a pension determined by using his OR HER annual remuneration, and all contributions made by such police employee to the pension fund of the Department shall be made from [said] THE annual remuneration. "Annual remuneration," as used in this article, shall mean salary plus the longevity pay herein provided for.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.
