

(h) Upon the termination of active service of any person who has held the position of Adjutant General after 1966 [and not later than 1970] and who has been in the military service of the State of Maryland for eight years or more, [he] SUCH PERSON shall be paid, [if he is then at least fifty-five years of age or] when he becomes fifty-five years of age, and for the remainder of his life, a pension or salary calculated at the rate of eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850) for each year of active military service for the State of Maryland; but in no event may the total pension or salary exceed thirteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$13,600). Following the [decease of the] DEATH OF A former Adjutant General, whenever it occurred or occurs, his surviving [widow] SPOUSE shall be paid two thirds of the pension or salary to which the former Adjutant General was or would have been entitled under this subsection, if [she was] married to him for not less than the three years immediately prior to his death and, in the case of a retired Adjutant General, not less than the three years immediately prior to his retirement; and the [widow] SURVIVING SPOUSE shall be paid for [the period of her] life unless [she] HE remarries, in which event the payments are to cease. Any pension or salary paid under the provisions of this subsection shall be in addition to and shall not affect any benefits paid to the same person from or by another retirement system operated by this state.

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

Approved May 21, 1973.

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#### CHAPTER 384

(Senate Bill 329)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume [and 1972 Supplement]), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," to provide that restriction against more than one retirement benefit at expense of the State be applicable to both sexes.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 19 of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume [and 1972 Supplement]), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19.

No other provision of law in any other statute which provides wholly or partly at the expense of the State of Maryland for pensions or retirement benefits for employees of the State, their [widows,] SURVIVING SPOUSES, or other dependents, shall apply to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system established by this article, their [widows] SURVIVING SPOUSES or other dependents; but this section does not apply to any person with respect to whose pension or retirement allowance established under other law the State does not contribute, and it does not apply to the beneficiaries of such a person.

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