

does not leave a surviving [widow] SPOUSE but there is or are a surviving child or children, any or all of whom are under the age of 18 years, the pension shall be paid to the surviving child or children who are under the age of 18 years, in equal amounts to each. Any payments made to a [widow] SURVIVING SPOUSE under this section shall terminate on either the death or remarriage of the [widow] SURVIVING SPOUSE. In either event if there is or are a child or children of the deceased member, who are under the age of 18 years, the payments under this section shall continue to [such] THE child or children in equal amounts. Payments under this section to the [widow] SURVIVING SPOUSE of a member shall continue for the duration of HIS OR her natural life, unless HE OR she remarries. If the [widow beneficiary] SURVIVING SPOUSE has died or has remarried, as in this section specified, payments to any surviving child shall terminate when he OR SHE reaches the age of 18 years. If a pension is paid under this section, it shall in no event be less than [\$100.00] \$100 per month in the aggregate. A [widow] SURVIVING SPOUSE, child, or children resulting from any marriage contracted after the retirement of the member are not eligible for any payments under the provisions of this subtitle. For the purposes of this section the remuneration of a retired member shall be computed as it was in the year immediately preceding the granting of the member's application for retirement. With respect to a member who dies while in service the word "remuneration" shall be computed as it was in the year immediately preceding the date of his OR HER death.

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(1) (a) Any member may retire upon written application to the board of trustees setting forth at what time he OR SHE desires to be retired, provided that [such] THE member at the time [so] specified for [his] retirement [shall have] HAS attained the age of 50 and notwithstanding that during [such] THE period of notification [he] THE MEMBER may have separated from service, excepting the physician of the Department who [shall] MUST have attained the age of 65 [at the time specified for his retirement] IN ORDER TO RETIRE.

(b) The Superintendent of Maryland State Police [is authorized], subject to the approval of the board of trustees, [to] MAY order any member in service who [shall have] HAS attained the age of 50 to retire on the first day of the next calendar month after which [such] THE member [shall be] IS notified of the Superintendent's order[, provided, that said]. THE 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.