SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 11(1)(b)(1) through (4), inclusive, (3)(e)(4), (11)(c), (14), (15), (16), (16a), (18), and (20), respectively, of Article 73B - Pensions, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 11(1)(b)(i) through (iv), inclusive, (3)(b)(iv), (11)(b), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), and (21), respectively.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

## Article 73 - Pensions

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- (9) (C) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A MEMBER WHO DIES IN SERVICE MAY ELECT TO RECEIVE, IN LIEU OF THE LUMP SUM BENEFIT PAYABLE UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A MONTHLY ALLCWANCE FOR LIFE EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT PAYABLE UNDER OPTION 2, IF:
- (I) THE SPOUSE IS NAMED AS THE SOLE PRIMARY BENEFICIARY; AND

## (II) THE MEMBER:

- (A) WAS ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE: OR
- (B, HAD AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE AND WAS 55 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.
- (14) A PERSON AFFOINTED OR ELECTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1971 MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PENSION PLAN PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPENSATION COMMISSION UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE CODE.

SECTION 5. AND RE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

## CHAPTER 610

(House Bill 592)

AN ACT concerning

Pensions - Membership and Creditable Service

FCR the purpose of amending certain provisions that relate to membership and creditable service in the Employee's Employee's Retirement System to allow to