

(1978 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 73B - Pensions

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(a) [Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, any correctional officer serving in any of the first six job classifications who has completed 20 years of creditable service and who has served as a correctional officer in one of these classifications for at least 5 years immediately before retirement may retire and receive a retirement allowance that is equal to 1/55 of his average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of service.]

(1) THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY RETIRE AND RECEIVE A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE THAT IS EQUAL TO 1/55 OF THE PERSON'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE:

(I) ANY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SERVING IN ANY OF THE FIRST 6 JOB CLASSIFICATIONS WHO HAS COMPLETED 20 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE AND HAS SERVED AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IN ONE OF THESE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE RETIREMENT; AND

(II) ANY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SERVING IN ANY OF THE FIRST 6 JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND ANY MAXIMUM SECURITY ATTENDANT AT CLIFTON T. PERKINS HOSPITAL CENTER WHO HAS COMPLETED 20 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE AND HAS SERVED AT LEAST 20 YEARS AS A MAXIMUM SECURITY ATTENDANT AT CLIFTON T. PERKINS HOSPITAL CENTER, AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, OR A COMBINATION OF POSITIONS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE RETIREMENT.

(2) Retirement for a correctional officer in these classifications OR A MAXIMUM SECURITY ATTENDANT AT CLIFTON T. PERKINS HOSPITAL CENTER is mandatory when he is 62 years old; however, year-to-year extensions may be permitted beyond age 62 with the approval of:

(i) The Commissioner of Correction for correctional officers of the Division of Correction; [and]

(ii) The Director of Patuxent Institution for correctional officers of that institution[.]; AND

(III) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY ATTENDANTS AT CLIFTON T. PERKINS HOSPITAL CENTER.