

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) This section applies to an individual who:

(1) joined the State Police Retirement System on or before September 1, 1971;

(2) terminated employment with the Maryland State Police on or before December 30, 1982, and received a refund of the individual's member contributions to the State Police Retirement System plus interest; and

(3) while working as a State trooper was partnered with an individual who was shot and killed in the line of duty.

(b) The Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System shall accept an application for consideration of a special disability retirement submitted prior to December 31, 2006, from any individual described under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) (1) If the Board of Trustees grants an individual described under subsection (a) of this section a special disability retirement, the individual:

(i) shall pay to the Board of Trustees in a single payment within 6 months of the Board of Trustees granting the special disability, the total refund of employee contributions plus interest that the individual received on terminating State employment; and

(ii) is entitled to a special retirement disability benefit as provided under ~~§ 29-110~~ § 29-111 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article equal to the lesser of:

1. the individual's average final compensation on December 30, 1982; or

2. the sum of:

A. an annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the individual's accumulated contributions at retirement on December 30, 1982; and

B. a pension equal to two-thirds of the individual's average final compensation on December 30, 1982.

(2) The Board of Trustees shall adjust the allowance of the individual who receives a special disability retirement allowance under this subsection retroactively to the date the individual filed the application for special disability retirement under subsection (b) of this section.

(3) The special disability allowance granted under this subsection shall include all cost-of-living adjustments from December 30, 1982.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.