select an option within a certain time period; and generally relating to disability retirement of State Police officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 73B - Pensions

Section 159(11)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88B - State Police Section 15(b)(13), (14), and (15), and 53(d) and (f) Annotated Code of Maryland (1985 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 88B - State Police Section 15(b)(16) and (c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1985 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 73B - Pensions

159.

- (11) (A) In addition to hearings required under the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board of Trustees may hold hearings when deemed necessary in the performance of its duty. The hearings shall be governed by rules and regulations of the Board and the Board shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence.
- (B) IN THE EVENT ANY APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT ON BEHALF OF A STATE POLICE OFFICER UNDER ARTICLE 88B, SECTION 15(B)(16) IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR MARYLAND STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS, THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD UNLESS WAIVED IN WRITING BY THE OFFICER BEING RETIRED.

Article 88B - State Police

15.

(b) In supervising and directing the affairs of the Department and in exercising the powers referred to in the preceding subsection, the authority of the Superintendent shall include, but shall not be limited to, the powers: