

(i) There shall be paid to the surviving spouse, if he leaves a surviving spouse, one half of his retirement allowance; or

(ii) If there is no eligible surviving spouse, or if an eligible surviving spouse dies before the youngest child of the deceased member shall have attained the age of eighteen, then one half of the deceased member's retirement allowance shall be paid to his child or children, under said age, divided in such manner as the board in its discretion shall determine, to continue as a joint and survivorship pension for the benefit of the child or children under said age until every child dies or attains said age.

(iii) The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable to members who retired on ordinary disability on and after July 1, 1972.

(4) IN THE EVENT ANY APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT ON BEHALF OF A STATE POLICE OFFICER UNDER SECTION 15(B)(16) OF THIS ARTICLE IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR MARYLAND STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS, THE OFFICER SHALL HAVE 90 DAYS IN WHICH TO EXERCISE ANY OPTION GRANTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT OPTION SHALL BE EXERCISED ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICER.

(f) Upon retirement for special disability a member shall receive a service retirement allowance if he or she has attained the age of 50; otherwise he or she shall receive a special disability retirement allowance which shall consist of:

(1) An annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his or her accumulated contributions at the time of retirement; and

(2) A pension of sixty-six and two-thirds percent of his or her average final compensation, but in no event shall his or her total special disability retirement allowance exceed his or her average final compensation.

(3) Upon the death of a member retired on a special disability retirement allowance, one half of the allowance calculated above shall be continued to the member's surviving spouse. If there is no surviving spouse or if the surviving spouse dies before the youngest child of the deceased retired member has attained the age of 18, then to the child or children under 18 if he or she leaves children, divided in such a manner as the board in its discretion determines to continue, as a joint and survivorship pension for the benefit of the child or children under 18 until every child dies or attains the age of 18.

(4) IN THE EVENT ANY APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT ON BEHALF OF A STATE POLICE OFFICER UNDER SECTION 15(B)(16) OF THIS ARTICLE IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR MARYLAND STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS, THE OFFICER