

(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.

(5) ANY MEMBER RETIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1973, WHOSE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE WAS REDUCED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1986, SHALL HAVE THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE RESTORED TO ITS FORMER AMOUNT IN EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1, 1986, WITH APPROPRIATE RECOMPUTATION OF COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

(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.

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