

CHAPTER 479

(Senate Bill 77)

AN ACT concerning

Pensions - Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officers

FOR the purpose of establishing a pension system for Natural Resources law enforcement officers; providing for membership in the system; providing for service retirement, disability retirement, and death and surviving spouse or children's benefits; providing for workers' compensation benefits; allowing the vesting of pension benefits; providing for cost-of-living adjustments; providing for member contributions; assigning responsibility for administration of the system; providing for a delayed effective date for the inclusion of the Department of Natural Resources law enforcement officers in the system; and generally relating to pensions for Natural Resources law enforcement officers.

BY adding to

Article 73B - Pensions

Section 157 to be under the new subtitle "Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System" Annotated Code of Maryland (1988 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article 73B - Pensions

NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM

157.

(A) THERE IS A NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM.

(B) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM SHALL CONSIST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. ANY PERSON WHO BECOMES A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE EMPLOY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AFTER JULY 1, 1990 SHALL BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT. MEMBERSHIP IN THIS PENSION SYSTEM SHALL BE OPTIONAL FOR ANY PERSON EMPLOYED AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON JUNE 30, 1990.

(C) (1) A MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE IF, ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT, THE MEMBER: