and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1995.

Approved May 9, 1995.

CHAPTER 169

(Senate Bill 415)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Sheriff's Department and Communications Employees - Pensions

FOR the purpose of altering provisions of certain pension plans for the Charles County Sheriff's Department that relate to early retirement, computation of benefits, and employee's contributions; providing for credit for certain military service; clarifying to whom the pension plans apply; requiring the County Commissioners for Charles County to establish separate pension plans for certain employees who are classified as correctional officers and employees who are classified as communications employees; providing for the benefits and the employee contributions under the pension plans; and generally relating to pension plans for the Charles County Sheriff's Department and communications employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners

Section 3(g-1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 25 - County Commissioners

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- (g-1)(1) (I) In Charles County the County Commissioners shall establish a separate pension plan for the Charles County Sheriff's department which shall MAY include the Sheriff and SHALL INCLUDE each sworn employee of the Sheriff's department who is actively engaged in law enforcement.
- (II) The pension plan shall provide eligibility for retirement after 30 years of active service regardless of age, and for early retirement after 20 years of active service reduced by [2.5] 2 percent for each year less than 30. Retirement income shall be