- 3. SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO RETIRE WITH AN ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE, ON THE FORM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROVIDES, STATING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DROP MEMBER'S RETIREMENT AS AN ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREE.
- (II) ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT AND APPLICATION TO RETIRE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL COMMENCE PAYMENT OF AN ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY ALLOWANCE TO THE DROP MEMBER AS PROVIDED IN § 29–110 OF THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT THAT THE DROP MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION SHALL BE COMPUTED AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DROP MEMBER'S APPLICATION FOR AN ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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- (b) This title does not apply to:
  - (1) a transfer to the Judges' Retirement System of the State of Maryland;
- (2) a transfer to or from the Legislative Pension Plan of the State of Maryland except to the extent provided by the Joint Resolution submitted to the General Assembly by the General Assembly Compensation Commission under Article III, § 15 of the Maryland Constitution;
- (3) a transfer from the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland to the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland under § 22-212 or § 22-213 of this article; OR
- (4) <u>a transfer from the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland to the Teachers' Pension System of the State of Maryland under § 22-212 or § 22-213 of this article f; or</u>
- (5) a transfer from the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System of the State of Maryland].
- SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1, 2000, the State Retirement Agency shall request a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service that confirms the continued qualification under § 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, as amended by the Deferred Retirement Option Program established under Section 3 of this Act.
- SECTION 5. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect contingent on receipt of a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service that confirms that the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, as amended by the Deferred Retirement Option Program, is a qualified plan under §