

(3) adopt legislation implementing those standards and policies to protect the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and the states from the introduction of nonindigenous species through ballast water discharge.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 474**

**(House Bill 1306)**

AN ACT concerning

**Town of Oakland, Garrett County - Participation by Employees in Employees' Pension System**

FOR the purpose of making it mandatory, and not optional, for certain employees of the Town of Oakland, Garrett County to participate in the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland as of a certain date; providing for certain employees of the Town of Oakland to receive service credit for certain prior service, except for an employee that becomes a member of the Employees' Pension System after the effective date of participation in the Employees' Pension System by the Town of Oakland; and generally relating to the participation of certain employees of the Town of Oakland, Garrett County, in the Employees' Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
Section 23-201(a), 23-204, and 31-111  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
Section 31-111.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

**Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

23-201.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, §§ 23-202 through 23-205 of this subtitle apply only to: