- (2) To elect to be a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, an individual shall file a written application with the State Retirement Agency.
- (3) If an individual does not elect membership during the applicable period specified under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the individual may not become a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

## CHAPTER 327

(Senate Bill 575)

AN ACT concerning

## State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists Health Occupations - Graduate Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to adopt regulations to allow individuals to practice under supervision as licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselors, licensed graduate marriage and family therapists, or as licensed graduate professional counselors; providing certain qualifications for practice under supervision; authorizing the use of certain titles and certain representations; prohibiting the use of those titles and representations by individuals not licensed; providing certain penalties for certain violations; requiring certain applicants for a provisional graduate social worker license to meet certain qualifications; providing for the period of time during which a certain license is valid; authorizing certain provisional licensees to apply for a graduate social worker license upon the accreditation of the provisional licensee's degree program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselors, licensed graduate licenses and health occupations. marriage and family therapists, and licensed graduate professional counselors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations Section 17–3A–01 <u>and 19–302</u> Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations Section 17–3A–02.1 Annotated Code of Maryland