

(2) age 55 for a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who is:

(I) a correctional officer in the first six job classifications; [or]

(II) A DETENTION CENTER OFFICER EMPLOYED BY A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHO HAS ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; OR

(III) AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING AS A CORRECTIONAL DIETARY, MAINTENANCE, OR SUPPLY OFFICER; OR

(3) age 60 for a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who is a maximum security attendant at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

6-306.

[(a)] Any individual 70 years old or older is eligible for appointment to any nontemporary position in the State Personnel Management System for which the individual qualifies, and the appointment is subject to the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

[(b)] Any individual who is first appointed to a nontemporary position governed by the State Personnel Management System at the age of 70 or older is not eligible for membership in the pension systems of the State.]

30-302.

(A) An election to participate in the program shall be made [as provided in this subtitle] BY AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF FIRST BECOMING AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE OF AN EMPLOYING INSTITUTION.

(B) AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE'S ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM IS IRREVOCABLE A ONE-TIME IRREVOCABLE ELECTION.

30-303.

(a) An eligible employee shall elect to: