

MEMBER HAS NOMINATED BY WRITTEN DESIGNATION DULY EXECUTED AND FILED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR, IF THERE IS NO DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY, THEN TO THE FORMER MEMBER'S ESTATE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is new language that is identical to the revised provision concerning death benefit for former members for the Employees' Retirement System under § 2-419 of this article.

The addition of this section is based on an administrative interpretation of former § 156(e) that the provisions of the Employees' Retirement System concerning death benefits for former members apply to this retirement system.

TITLE 8. NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM.

COMMITTEE NOTE FOR TITLE: The Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System was established under Ch. 479 of the Acts of 1989. Many of the former provisions concerning the system contained either explicit or implicit references to provisions of the Employees' Retirement System or the Pension System for Employees. In order to clarify the provisions that apply to this system, relevant provisions of the Employees' Retirement System or the Pension System for Employees have been added in this title. Some of the additional provisions replace the former cross-references to other sections. Most of the other additional provisions incorporate provisions that implicitly apply to this system based on administrative interpretations of former Art. 73B, § 157(s) that states that, "The general administration, funding, and responsibility for the proper operation of this pension system is vested in the Board of Trustees for Maryland State Retirement and Pension Systems. The proper operation of this pension system shall be that as provided for the operation of the Pension System for the Employees of the State of Maryland." In a few instances, provisions from the Employees' Retirement System are added to make explicit their applicability to members of this pension system who have transferred from the Employees' Retirement System. The Committee Note following each section or subsection specifies the reasons for each provision that has been added to this subtitle.

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

8-101. DEFINITIONS.

COMMITTEE NOTE TO SECTION: The definitions added as new language in this section are identical to or derived from corresponding definitions for the Pension System for Employees in Title 4 of this article. The definitions are added for clarity and consistency with other titles.

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.