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**By: Delegate Heller**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland Police Officers - Pensions and Retirement**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain University of Maryland police officers to become  
4 members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; providing for certain  
5 exceptions; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to  
6 membership of University of Maryland police officers in the Law Enforcement  
7 Officers' Pension System.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
10 Section 26-201 and 26-202  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1994 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
15 Section 26-203.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1994 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

21 26-201.

22 (A) [This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THIS  
23 subtitle applies only to:

24 (1) an employee of the Department of Natural Resources commissioned by  
25 the Secretary of Natural Resources as:

26 (i) a Natural Resources police officer; or

27 (ii) a law enforcement officer, other than a Natural Resources police  
28 officer; [or]

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1 (2) a law enforcement officer employed by the Maryland Investigative  
2 Services Unit; OR

3 (3) A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND POLICE FORCE WHO  
4 HAS THE POWERS GRANTED TO A POLICE OFFICER UNDER § 13-601 OF THE  
5 EDUCATION ARTICLE.

6 (B) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
7 POLICE OFFICER WHO TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
8 TO THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 1, 1997.

9 26-202.

10 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual described in  
11 § 26-201 of this subtitle is a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as  
12 a condition of employment.

13 (b) Membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System is optional for  
14 an individual described in § 26-201 of this subtitle who was employed:

15 (1) by the Department of Natural Resources on July 1, 1990; [or]

16 (2) by the Maryland Investigative Services Unit on June 30, 1995; OR

17 (3) BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ON JUNE 30, 1998.

18 26-203.1.

19 For members who transfer from the Employees' Pension System or the Employees'  
20 Retirement System, the Board of Trustees shall transfer to the accumulation fund of the  
21 Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System the employer contributions that were made to  
22 the Employees' Retirement System and the Employees' Pension System on behalf of  
23 those members who transferred, plus the interest earned on those contributions through  
24 the date of transfer.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 1998.