

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 10-0603
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Clarke, Branch, D'Adamo, Conaway, President Young,
Councilmembers Henry, Middleton, Welch

Introduced and read first time: October 4, 2010

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Fire and Police Employees' Retirement
System, Department of Finance, Labor Commissioner

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System – Minimum Benefits**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a length-of-service requirement for the minimum benefit provided
4 spousal beneficiaries; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Fire
5 and Police Employees' Retirement System of the City of Baltimore.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 22 - Retirement Systems

8 Section(s) 34(s-1)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 22. Retirement Systems**

15 **Subtitle – Fire and Police Employees' Retirement Systems**

16 **§ 34. Benefits.**

17 (s-1) *Minimum benefits for beneficiaries effective July 1, 2010.*

18 (1) If a spousal beneficiary of a sworn member who, before August 1, 1996, retired or
19 died while in service [with 20 or more years of service] is receiving periodic
20 retirement benefits from this System as of June 30, 2010, in an annual amount that is
21 less than \$16,000, that beneficiary shall receive an increase in his or her periodic
22 retirement benefits so that the annual amount of those benefits equals \$16,000. This
23 increase shall be payable with the first full payroll period beginning after July 1,
24 2010.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (2) If a spousal beneficiary of a sworn member who, before August 1, 1996, retired or
2 died while in service [with 20 or more years of service] commences receiving
3 benefits from this System on or after July 1, 2010, the annual amount of that
4 beneficiary's periodic retirement benefits shall be not less than \$16,000.

5 (3) If a spousal beneficiary's retirement benefits under this System are subject to a
6 domestic relations order, the annual amount of that beneficiary's benefits prior to
7 assignment under that order shall be used in determining whether the beneficiary is
8 eligible for the minimum benefit under this subsection.

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
10 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
11 Ordinance.

12 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it
13 is enacted.