

HOUSE BILL 1274

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

Introduced and read first time: February 23, 2023

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems – Reemployment Earnings**
3 **Limitation – COVID–19 Exemption**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting certain retirees of the Employees' Retirement and Pension
5 Systems from a certain earnings limitation when the retiree is reemployed by a
6 certain previous employer for a certain time period to assist with the administration
7 of certain grants or projects related to the COVID–19 pandemic; providing for the
8 retroactive application of this Act; and generally relating to a reemployment
9 earnings limitation in the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) Except for individuals whose retirement allowance is subject to a reduction as
13 provided under § 22–406(c)(1)(iii) and (3) or § 23–407(c)(1)(iii) and (3) of the State Personnel
14 and Pensions Article, the reduction of a retirement allowance under § 22–406 or § 23–407
15 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article does not apply to an individual who was
16 previously employed by the State of Maryland, retired, and is rehired by the Maryland
17 Department of Health for a period not to exceed 3 years to:

18 (1) assist in the administration of federally funded grants related to the
19 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic; or

20 (2) work, as a member of the COVID Unified Command, on projects directly
21 related to COVID–19 staffing support or contact tracing.

22 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be construed to apply
23 retroactively to January 1, 2020.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
25 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
2 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
3 enacted. It shall remain effective through December 31, 2024, and, at the end of December
4 31, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
5 abrogated and of no further force and effect.