

The House Committee on Retirement offers the following substitute to HB 639:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 47-2-223 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 retirement benefits for those in service in Uniform Division of the Department of Public
3 Safety, so as to provide that certain persons employed by the State Board of Pardons and
4 Paroles shall be eligible to retire after attaining age 55 and receive a normal retirement
5 benefit; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 47-2-223 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement
10 benefits for those in service in Uniform Division of the Department of Public Safety, is
11 amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

12 "(b) Anything in this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, every person who is in
13 service in the Uniform Division of the Department of Public Safety as an officer,
14 noncommissioned officer, or trooper, or as an officer or agent of the Georgia Bureau of
15 Investigation on June 30, 1970, and every person who enters or reenters such service on
16 or after July 1, 1970, and every person who is employed by the State Board of Pardons and
17 Paroles who, as a condition of his or her employment, is required to comply with the
18 requirements of Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training
19 Act,' on June 30, 2008, and any person who becomes or again becomes so employed on or
20 after July 1, 2008, may retire at any time after attaining the age of 55 and upon retirement
21 such retiree shall receive the regular retirement benefits under this chapter, provided that
22 he or she shall in any case receive a minimum monthly retirement benefit equal to 2
23 percent of his or her highest average compensation for each year of creditable service by
24 filing an application therefor in a manner similar to that provided in Code Section
25 47-2-110."

