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**Pension upon disability.**

Sec. 5505.18. \*\*\* (A) Upon the application of a member of the state highway patrol retirement system, or the superintendent of the state highway patrol on behalf of a member, a

member who becomes totally and permanently incapacitated for duty in the employ of the state highway patrol, by reason of a personal injury or disease, may be retired by the state highway patrol retirement board; provided that after medical examination of the member made by or under the direction of a medical committee consisting of three physicians, one of whom shall be selected by the board, one to be selected by the member, and the third physician to be selected by the first two physicians so named, the medical committee reports to the board, by majority opinion in writing, that the member is totally incapacitated for duty in the employ of the patrol, that such incapacity will probably be permanent, and that he ought to be retired.

(B) (1) A member whose retirement on account of disability, as provided in division (A) of this section, shall receive the applicable pension provided for in section 5505.17 of the Revised Code, except if such member has less than twenty years of contributing service, his service credit shall be twenty years for the purpose of this provision. In no case shall his disability pension exceed sixty-six per cent of his final average salary.

(2) A member placed on disability pension and who has not attained the age of fifty-five years shall be subject to re-examination by physicians appointed by the board at such times as the board deems necessary. A retirant who has been on disability pension, and who has been physically examined and found capable of performing his duties, shall be restored to the rank which he held at the time he was pensioned and all previous rights shall be restored, including his civil service status and his disability pension shall terminate. Upon such retirant's return to employment in the patrol he shall again become a contributing member of the retirement system; his total service at the time of his retirement shall be restored to his credit; and he shall be given service credit for the period he was in receipt of a disability pension. The provisions of this division shall be retroactive to September 5, 1941. (Amended in Amended House Bill No. 840)

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