To be eligible for the $90 Special Benefit, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Uniformed member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP).
- Hired by MSHP in a benefit eligible position prior to January 1, 1995.
- Employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol or receiving Long-Term or Work-Related Disability on the day before the effective date of retirement.
- Elect the Closed Plan at retirement.
- Not be gainfully employed after retirement.

If you meet all of the criteria above, under Missouri Statute RSMo 104.090.2, you are eligible to receive an additional benefit of $90.00 per month, plus cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), until attaining the age of 65.

This Special Benefit amount will be reduced monthly by any amount earned during gainful employment.

Vested members who terminate employment prior to retirement are not eligible for this benefit.

Anyone who receives the Special Benefit will be required to complete a Special Benefit Verification form the following January. You will be asked to list any earnings you may have received for the months a Special Benefit was received.

We will also be cross-referencing your responses with reports received by employment security. You will have until March 1st to reply. If you chose not to reply, your benefit could be suspended until a response is received. Therefore, it is critical that you submit your paperwork to MPERS as soon as possible.

By marking on your Retirement Election Form that you will not be gainfully employed, you will be automatically enrolled for the Special Benefit, if eligible.

It is your responsibility to notify MPERS when you become gainfully employed or end your employment.

MPERS payroll only accepts changes until the 15th of each month, so be proactive and make sure to contact our office prior to that date.

MPERS will send you a form each January to verify your eligibility to receive your Special Benefit.

You will be responsible for the repayment of any Special Benefits received while ineligible.

The Special Benefit, and any COLAs earned on that amount, end the month following your 65th birthday.
How Do You Start Your Special Benefit?
At retirement, while completing your Retirement Election Form, you were asked if you planned to be employed after retirement. If you marked "No", your Special Benefit will be included with your retirement benefit. If you are employed after retirement, contact MPERS to start your Special Benefit when you again leave employment.

When to Call MPERS?
If, after retirement, your employment status changes, contact MPERS immediately to stop or start your Special Benefit. If you do not call to have your Special Benefit stopped, you will have to pay it back!

When Will Your Special Benefit Stop?
The following are reasons your Special Benefit will be discontinued:

- Becoming gainfully employed
- Attaining the age of 65
- Suspension of retirement benefit
- Death

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