

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, REGARDING THE SOUTH CAROLINA
POLICE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND, FOR RELEASE
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Governor J. Strom Thurmond said in a statement issued today that he believes it may be advisable for the next session of the General Assembly to investigate the condition of the South Carolina Police Insurance and Annuity Fund, with a view to determining what may be done to protect the interests of law officers who have given long years of faithful service to the preservation of law and order in the State.

Governor Thurmond said it had been brought to his attention that recent reductions in retirement benefits paid by the Fund were causing hardships among some of South Carolina's veteran police officers.

This information led to a conference held by the Governor with officials of the Police Insurance and Annuity Fund, in which various aspects of the current condition of the fund were discussed.

"I feel that everything possible should be done to safeguard the interests of our faithful peace officers who have given so many years of their lives to the cause of law and order," the Governor declared.

E. R. McIver, of Darlington, is Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Police Insurance and Annuity Fund.