

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984 and shall be void and of no effect after September 30, 1984.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.

CHAPTER 438

(House Bill 697)

AN ACT concerning

State Employees - Health Insurance Program - Open Enrollment -
Nonparticipating Surviving Spouses

FOR the purpose of requiring that the State Employees' Health Insurance Program provide continuous open enrollment for nonparticipating State employees under certain circumstances; providing that evidence of insurability may not be required if the State employee was previously covered under another group health insurance policy; and generally relating to the State Employees' Health Insurance Program.

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 48B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

48B.

(A) THE STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUOUS OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR ANY NONPARTICIPATING STATE EMPLOYEE WHO IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS NOT A STATE EMPLOYEE.

(B) EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED IF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE WAS PREVIOUSLY COVERED UNDER A GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY.