

CHAPTER 497

(House Bill 181)

AN ACT concerning

State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Eligibility for Enrollment and Participation

FOR the purpose of allowing employees of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the Mid-Shore Regional Council to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under certain circumstances; requiring a council to pay certain costs to the State; requiring a council to make a certain determination; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the participation in health insurance benefit options under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program by employees of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the Mid-Shore Regional Council.

BY adding to

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-515

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

2-515.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND, THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND, THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND, AND THE MID-SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

(B) AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNCIL SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL.

(C) A COUNCIL SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) PAY TO THE STATE THE TOTAL COSTS RESULTING FROM THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE PROGRAM; AND