

certain circumstances; and generally relating to insurance coverage for surviving spouses and employees who are involuntarily terminated.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 48A – Insurance Code
 Section 490G(a) and (b), and 490–I(a) and (b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

Article 48A – Insurance Code

490G.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Applicable change in status” means the death of the insured.

(3) “Dependent child” means an individual who:

(i) Is a child of the insured; and

(ii) Either was covered under the group insurance contract as a qualified or an eligible dependent of the insured immediately prior to the applicable change in status or was born to a qualified secondary beneficiary as defined in subsection (a)(6)(i) of this section after the applicable change in status.

(4) “Group contract” means:

(i) Any insurance contract or policy issued or delivered in this State to the employer of the insured by a nonprofit health service insurance plan or an insurance company which provides group hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to the employees of the employer on an expense-incurred basis; or

(ii) Any contract between the employer of the insured and a health maintenance organization certified under Title 19, Subtitle 7 of the Health – General Article to provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to the employees of the employer.

(5) “Insured” means an employee who is a resident of this State and covered under a CURRENT OR PREDECESSOR group contract WITH THE SAME EMPLOYER for a period not less than 3 months.

(6) “Qualified secondary beneficiary” means, with respect to the insured, an individual other than the insured who is:

(i) A beneficiary under the group contract as the spouse of the insured for at least the immediately preceding 30-day period immediately preceding the applicable change in status; or