

(a) -- To -- the -- person -- having -- an -- insurable -- interest in -- the -- life -- of -- the -- deceased, -- as -- nominated -- by -- the -- deceased's written -- designation -- duly -- executed -- and -- filed -- with -- the -- board of -- trustees, -- otherwise -- to -- the -- deceased's -- estate, -- the deceased's -- accumulated -- contributions, -- and

(b) -- To -- the -- surviving -- spouse, -- or -- if -- there -- is -- no surviving -- spouse, -- or -- if -- the -- surviving -- spouse -- dies -- before -- the youngest -- child -- of -- the -- deceased -- member -- has -- attained -- the -- age of -- 18, -- then -- to -- the -- child -- or -- children -- under -- eighteen -- divided in -- a -- manner -- as -- the -- board -- in -- its -- discretion -- determines -- to continue -- as -- a -- joint -- and -- survivorship -- pension -- for -- the -- benefit of -- the -- child -- or -- children -- under -- 18 -- until -- every -- child -- dies -- or attains -- 18, -- or -- if -- there -- is -- no -- spouse -- or -- children -- under -- the age -- of -- 18 -- years -- surviving -- member, -- then -- to -- his -- or -- her dependent -- father -- or -- dependent -- mother -- as -- the -- board -- in -- its discretion -- directs -- to -- continue -- for -- life, -- a -- pension -- of -- 50 percent -- of -- his -- or -- her -- average -- final -- compensation. -- If -- the member -- at -- the -- time -- of -- death -- does -- not -- leave -- a -- spouse, -- child or -- children -- under -- the -- age -- of -- 18 -- years -- or -- dependent -- parent -- or parents, -- the -- ordinary -- death -- benefit -- shall -- be -- the -- only -- death benefit -- payable.

(c) -- IF -- HEALTH -- CARE -- BENEFITS -- ARE -- PROVIDED -- BY -- A STATE -- GROUP -- INSURER -- TO -- THE -- SURVIVING -- SPOUSE, -- EVERY -- SURVIVING CHILD -- ALSO -- SHALL -- BE -- ELIGIBLE -- FOR -- HEALTH -- CARE -- BENEFITS -- UNTIL EVERY -- CHILD -- DIES -- OR -- ATTAINS -- THE -- AGE -- OF -- 18.

#### Personnel - Health Insurance

FOR the purpose of providing that the surviving children of certain Maryland State Police employees shall be eligible to participate in the State program of hospital, medical, and surgical insurance for employees until a certain time.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 64A - Merit System  
Section 48  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

#### Article 64A - Merit System

48.

(A) The Governor shall include a sum of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in the