

(1) tax relief under § 9-102 of the Tax - Property Article for all calendar years beginning after December 31, 2005; and

(2) tax credits under § 9-104 of the Tax - Property Article for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2006.

Approved April 6, 2006.

CHAPTER 28

(Senate Bill 430)

AN ACT concerning

State Employees and Retirees - State Prescription Drug Benefit Plan - Co-Payments

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain limit on the amount of the co-payment that the State Prescription Drug Benefit Plan may charge enrollees for a certain prescription filled through the voluntary mail order option that the Plan is required to offer; making conforming and technical changes; and generally relating to prescription drug benefits for State employees and retirees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-502(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 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

2-502.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in fiscal years 2006 and 2007, the Program shall provide the same health insurance benefits options, prescription drug benefit options, co-premiums and co-payments to employees and retirees and their dependents as provided on January 1, 2005.

(2) In fiscal years 2006 and 2007:

(i) the employee or retiree share of the premium for the employee or retiree and their dependents for the point of service health plan may increase to 17%;

(ii) the Program may include disease management programs;