Approved May 21, 1985.

CHAPTER 198

(Senate Bill 424)

AN ACT concerning.

State Employees - Health Insurance

FOR the purpose of including a <u>an optional</u> dental plan in the health insurance program for <u>State employees choosing to participate</u>; and providing for funding of the dental plan.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 48(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 64A - Merit System

48.

- (a) (1) The Governor shall include a sum of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in the budget each year as a contribution toward the cost of a program of hospital, medical, and surgical insurance for employees of the several departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, and other agencies of the State government.
- (2) THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL SHALL MAY ARRANGE FOR A DENTAL PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE THAT SHALL MAY SHALL BE FUNDED IN-WHOLE-OR-IN-PART BY STATE-EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE EMPLOYEES CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

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