

~~under which certain retired State employees and their surviving spouses and dependent children are entitled to a State subsidy; and generally relating to benefits available to retired State employees; and participate in the State Employees Health Insurance Program; and generally relating to the eligibility of retired State employees for participation in the State Employees Health Insurance Program.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 8-108(b) ~~and (c)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 50) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993)

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

**Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

8-108.

(b) (1) A retiree may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program if the retiree:

(i) ended State service with at least 10 years of creditable service and within 5 years before the age at which a vested retirement allowance normally would begin;

(ii) ended State service with at least 16 years of creditable service;

(iii) ended State service on or before June 30, 1984; [or]

(iv) retired directly from State service with a State retirement allowance on or after July 1, 1984, and had at least 5 years of creditable service; OR

~~(v) RECEIVED AN ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AND WAS PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1992.~~

(v) RETIRED DIRECTLY FROM STATE SERVICE WITH A STATE DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1984.

(2) (i) The surviving spouse or dependent child of a deceased retiree who was eligible to enroll may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program as long as the spouse or child is receiving an allowance under Article 73B of the Code.

(ii) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph does not apply to a deceased retiree's spouse or dependent child who receives an option 1 or option 4 benefit under Article 73B of the Code.