

(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.

(a) (3) (i) “Retiree” means:

1. a former State employee who receives a retirement allowance under Article 73B of the Code; or

2. a former employee of the Medical System Corporation, as defined in § 13-1B-01 or § 13-1C-01 of the Education Article, who receives a retirement allowance from the employees’ retirement system of the State of Maryland or the pension system for employees of the State of Maryland under Title 10, Subtitle 1 of Article 73B of the Code.

(ii) “retiree” does not include:

1. a member of the faculty or staff of a community college; education; or

2. a teacher or a staff member employed by a county board of

3. an individual who retired under an optional program under Title 11 of Article 73B of the Code.

(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.

(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.