

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ *requiring the Secretary of Personnel to adopt regulations for* certain not-for-profit organizations to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program *as satellite organizations*; requiring certain participants to pay certain premiums and fees; defining a certain term; and generally relating to participation in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 8-113

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**

8-113.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFYING NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT:

(1) RECEIVES STATE FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE THAT COVER MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OPERATING EXPENSES; AND

(2) IS:

(I) DESCRIBED IN § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; AND

(II) EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER § 501(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

~~(B) AN EMPLOYEE OF A QUALIFYING NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ORGANIZATION~~  
THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF EMPLOYEES OF A QUALIFYING NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AS A SATELLITE ORGANIZATION.

(C) A QUALIFYING NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM AS A SATELLITE ORGANIZATION SHALL:

(1) PAY TO THIS STATE:

(I) A PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY; AND