

TITLE 36. SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

36-101. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE THAT THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS OF THIS STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TO THEIR DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to reflect the substance of former Art. 89, § 30, which set forth the policy of this State regarding social security benefits for State and local governmental employees and officers:

As to the transfer of former Art. 89, § 30 to the Session Laws, see General Revisor's Note to this title.

36-102. AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED.

AS AUTHORIZED BY FORMER ARTICLE 89, §§ 30 THROUGH 40 OF THE CODE AND SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW, THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THIS STATE, MAY ENTER INTO, CARRY OUT, MODIFY, OR TERMINATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXTEND THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO THE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS OF THIS STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TO THE DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS OF THOSE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to reflect the substance of former Art. 89, §§ 30 through 40, which authorized this State to enter into an agreement with the federal government to participate under the federal Social Security Act and set out the parameters of the agreement, including coverage, benefits, contributions, administration, conditions of participation, effective dates, and other related provisions.

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO TITLE:

Former Art. 89, §§ 30 through 40, which authorized the execution and administration of the Social Security Agreement between Maryland and the federal government, are transferred to the Session Laws of Maryland.

As enacted by Ch. 304, Acts of 1951, the former provisions often duplicated the federal Social Security laws relating to participation by State and local governments. Maryland's Agreement was executed on December 3, 1951, and became effective as of June 1, 1951. In the years that followed, there were numerous changes in the federal Social Security laws and modifications to Maryland's Agreement, but no corresponding changes to the Maryland statute. Few changes to the Agreement have been made in recent years and future changes are not anticipated because the provision of social security benefits is primarily controlled by federal law. Accordingly, the former provisions are preserved intact, but are effective only to the extent that they are consistent with federal law and are currently applicable.