QUALIFIED SECONDARY BENEFICIARY OR INSURED FOR BENEFITS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN PAYABLE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(J) CONVERSION PRIVILEGES NOT AFFECTED.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT OR LIMIT THE RIGHT OF A QUALIFIED SECONDARY BENEFICIARY TO CONVERSION PRIVILEGES UNDER A GROUP CONTRACT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, § 490H and, as they referred to former § 490H, §§ 354GG and 477HH.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former reference to an "applicable" change in status is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (a)(3)(i) and (5) of this section, the references to a "group contract" are substituted for the former references to a "group insurance contract" to use the defined term and for consistency within this section.

In subsection (a)(4)(i) of this section, the reference to a nonprofit health service "insurance" plan is deleted for consistency with terminology used throughout this article.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the references to a group contract "in force on the date of the change in status" and to continuation coverage "in accordance with this section" are added for consistency with §§ 15-407(b) and 15-409(b) of this subtitle.

In subsections (b)(2) and (f)(1) of this section, the references to "continuation coverage" are substituted for the former references to "benefits" for consistency with terminology used throughout this subtitle. Similarly, in the introductory language of subsection (c), and in subsections (d), (g)(1), and (i)(1) of this section, the references to "continuation" coverage are added. Similarly, in subsection (f)(2) of this section, the reference to "continuation coverage" is substituted for the former reference to "such benefits".

Defined terms: "Commissioner" § 1-101

"County" § 1-101

"Insurance contract" § 1-101

"Insurer" § 1-101

"Policy" § 1-101

15-409. CONTINUATION COVERAGE FOR INVOLUNTARILY TERMINATED EMPLOYEES.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

- $\mbox{\scriptsize (1)}$ $\mbox{\scriptsize IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS}$ INDICATED.
- (2) "CHANGE IN STATUS" MEANS THE INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF THE INSURED'S EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN FOR CAUSE.