

indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

CHAPTER 142

(Senate Bill 145)

AN ACT concerning

Retirement and Pensions – Workers' Compensation Offset – Payments to Third Parties

FOR the purpose of exempting from a certain offset from certain disability retirement benefits of retirees of the State retirement and pension systems certain workers' compensation benefits that are reimbursement for legal fees, medical expenses, or other payments to third parties and not to the retiree.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 29-118

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

29-118.

(a) This section applies to a retiree and any designated beneficiary.

(b) (1) The Board of Trustees shall reduce a disability retirement benefit by any related workers' compensation benefits paid or payable after the effective date of retirement if the workers' compensation benefits: