

**CHAPTER 73**

**(House Bill 160)**

AN ACT concerning

**Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority - Participation in State Health and Welfare Benefits Program**

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain employees and retirees of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; requiring the Authority to make certain payments to the State for certain health and welfare benefits; and generally relating to the health and welfare benefits of employees and retirees of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-511

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 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**

2-511.

(a) This section applies to employees of the Maryland Environmental Service AND NORTHEAST MARYLAND WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY.

(b) Subject to the regulations adopted under § 2-503 of this subtitle, an employee or, while receiving an allowance under the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland, an employee's surviving spouse:

(1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance or other benefit options established under the Program; and

(2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the same terms and conditions as those provided under § 2-507 of this subtitle.

(c) While receiving an allowance under the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland, a former employee or a former employee's surviving spouse or dependent child:

(1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program; and

(2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the same terms and conditions as those provided under § 2-508 of this subtitle, with the