designation of beneficiaries by certain retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 21-403(e) and (f) and 21-404

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 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

21-403.

- (e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, under Option 5, when a retiree dies, the Board of Trustees shall pay the retiree's reduced allowance to the designated beneficiary for the designated beneficiary's life.
 - (2) If the designated beneficiary dies before the retiree, then:
- (I) from the date of death of the designated beneficiary, the Board of Trustees shall pay the retiree the basic allowance; OR
- (II) 1. THE RETIREE MAY DESIGNATE A NEW BENEFICIARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH \S 21–404 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND
- 2. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL PAY THE RETIREE AN ALLOWANCE AS PROVIDED IN § 21–404(D)(2).
- (f) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, under Option 6, when a retiree dies, the Board of Trustees shall pay 50% of the retiree's reduced allowance to the designated beneficiary for the designated beneficiary's life.
 - (2) If the designated beneficiary dies before the retiree, then:
- (I) from the date of death of the designated beneficiary, the Board of Trustees shall pay the retiree the basic allowance; OR
- (II) 1. THE RETIREE MAY DESIGNATE A NEW BENEFICIARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21–404 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND
- 2. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL PAY THE RETIREE AN ALLOWANCE AS PROVIDED IN § 21–404(D)(2).
 - (a) This section does not apply to the Judges' Retirement System.
 - (b) To change a designated beneficiary, a retiree shall:
- (1) complete the appropriate form that the Board of Trustees provides; and