

(v) retired directly from State service with a State disability retirement allowance on or after July 1, 1984.

(2) (i) The surviving spouse or dependent child of a deceased retiree who was eligible to enroll may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program as long as the spouse or child is receiving an allowance under Division II of this article.

(ii) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph does not apply to a deceased retiree's spouse or dependent child who receives an Option 1, Option 4, or Option 7 benefit under Division II of this article.

(c) (1) If a retiree receives a State disability retirement allowance or has 16 or more years of creditable service, the retiree or the retiree's surviving spouse or dependent child is entitled to the same State subsidy allowed a State employee.

(2) In all other cases, if a retiree has at least 5 years of creditable service, the retiree or the retiree's surviving spouse or dependent child is entitled to 1/16 of the State subsidy allowed a State employee for each year of the retiree's creditable service up to 16 years.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsection (a)(4)(i) of this section, if a retiree is an additional employee or agent of the State Racing Commission, for the purposes of determining a retiree's State subsidy, creditable service shall be determined with respect to service as an additional employee or agent beginning from the initial date of employment or January 1, 1986, whichever is later.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 454 - Pilot Program for Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons.

This bill creates a three-year Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons to be administered by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

House Bill 652, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 454.