8–407. ELECTION TO HAVE PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE AND OTHER PAYMENTS DEDUCTED.

ANY RETIREE OF THIS PENSION SYSTEM MAY ELECT TO HAVE THE PREMIUM OR ANY PART OF IT FOR STATE-APPROVED MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES OR FOR INSURANCE AUTHORIZED BY EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATIONS, DUES FOR EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATIONS, AND PAYMENTS TO THE STATE EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION OF MARYLAND, INC., DEDUCTED FROM THE RETIREE'S ALLOWANCE BY THIS PENSION SYSTEM AND PAID ON THE RETIREE'S BEHALF TO THE CARRIER. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY BY RULE OR REGULATION ALLOW ADDITIONAL PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE INTERESTS OF ITS MEMBERS AND RETIREES.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is new language identical to the revised provision concerning the election to have premiums for medical insurance and other payments deducted under § 4-412 of this article.

The addition of this section is based on an administrative interpretation of former § 157(s) that the provision concerning the deduction for medical insurance premiums applies to this pension system.

8-408. DEATH BENEFITS.

- (A) UPON THE RECEIPT OF PROPER PROOF OF THE DEATH OF A MEMBER IN SERVICE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL PAY TO ANY PERSON HAVING AN INSURABLE INTEREST IN THE LIFE OF THE DECEASED THAT THE MEMBER HAS NOMINATED BY WRITTEN DESIGNATION DULY EXECUTED AND FILED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF A WRITTEN DESIGNATION, TO THE MEMBER'S ESTATE:
 - (1) THE MEMBER'S ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS; AND
- (2) IF THE MEMBER HAS MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE MEMBER'S ANNUAL EARNABLE COMPENSATION AT THE TIME OF DEATH.
- (B) (1) UPON THE RECEIPT OF PROPER PROOF OF THE DEATH OF A MEMBER IN SERVICE WHO HAD MORE THAN 2 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE OR WHOSE DEATH AROSE OUT OF OR IN THE COURSE OF THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE DECEASED, AND UPON THE FINDING AND CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD THAT THE DEATH SO OCCURRED, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL PAY TO THE BENEFICIARIES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:
- (I) THE ORDINARY DEATH BENEFIT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; OR