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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program -**  
3 **Employees of the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center - Participation**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "qualifying not-for-profit  
5 organization" to include the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, thereby  
6 authorizing employees of the Center to participate in the State Employee and  
7 Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; and generally relating to the  
8 State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program and the  
9 employees of the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
12 Section 2-512  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

18 2-512.

19 (a) In this section, "qualifying not-for-profit organization" means an  
20 organization that:

21 (1) (i) receives State funds from the Department of Health and Mental  
22 Hygiene that cover more than one-third of the organization's operating expenses; and

1 (ii) is:  
2 1. described in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and  
3 2. exempt from income tax under § 501(a) of the Internal  
4 Revenue Code; [or]

5 (2) is the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.; OR

6 (3) IS THE MARYLAND CRIME VICTIMS' RESOURCE CENTER.

7 (b) The Secretary shall adopt regulations for the enrollment and participation  
8 of employees of a qualifying not-for-profit organization to participate in the Program  
9 as a satellite organization.

10 (c) A qualifying not-for-profit organization that participates in the Program  
11 as a satellite organization shall:

12 (1) pay to the State:

13 (i) a premium in the amount determined by the Secretary; and

14 (ii) any costs, as determined by the Secretary, for the  
15 administration of this Program; and

16 (2) determine the extent to which the organization will subsidize  
17 participation by its employees in the Program.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 July 1, 2005.