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By: **Southern Maryland Delegation, Western Maryland Delegation, and Eastern Shore Delegation**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program -**  
3 **Eligibility for Enrollment and Participation**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing employees of the Tri-County Council for Southern  
5 Maryland, the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, the Tri-County  
6 Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the Mid-Shore Regional  
7 Council to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options  
8 established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits  
9 Program under certain circumstances; requiring a council to pay certain costs to  
10 the State; requiring a council to make a certain determination; providing for the  
11 application of this Act; and generally relating to the participation in health  
12 insurance benefit options under the State Employee and Retiree Health and  
13 Welfare Benefits Program by employees of the Tri-County Council for Southern  
14 Maryland, the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, the Tri-County  
15 Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the Mid-Shore Regional  
16 Council.

17 BY adding to  
18 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
19 Section 2-515  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

25 2-515.

26 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN  
27 MARYLAND, THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND, THE TRI-COUNTY  
28 COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND, AND THE MID-SHORE  
29 REGIONAL COUNCIL.

1 (B) AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNCIL SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY ENROLL  
2 AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED  
3 UNDER THE PROGRAM WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL.

4 (C) A COUNCIL SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL:

5 (1) PAY TO THE STATE THE TOTAL COSTS RESULTING FROM THE  
6 PARTICIPATION OF ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE PROGRAM; AND

7 (2) DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COUNCIL WILL SUBSIDIZE  
8 PARTICIPATION OF ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE PROGRAM.

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