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By: **Delegates Pendergrass and Mitchell**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel - Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Required Health**
3 **Insurance Benefits**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in arranging
5 health insurance benefit options for inclusion in the State Employee and Retiree
6 Health and Welfare Benefits Program, to ensure that the Program provides
7 coverage for certain mandated health insurance benefits; providing for the
8 application of this Act; and generally relating to health insurance benefits
9 provided under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits
10 Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
13 Section 2-503(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

19 2-503.

20 (b) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
21 Secretary may arrange as the Secretary considers appropriate any benefit option for
22 inclusion in the Program.

23 (2) IN ARRANGING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS FOR
24 INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAM, THE SECRETARY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAM
25 PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR THE MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS
26 REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to
2 health insurance benefit options included in the State Employee and Retiree Health
3 and Welfare Benefits Program for the plan year beginning January 1, 2004.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 June 1, 2003.