

SENATE BILL 137

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By: **Senators Middleton, Colburn, Dyson, Edwards, Mooney, and Pipkin**

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CHAPTER _____

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 Southern Maryland Regional Library,
5 the Eastern Shore Regional Library, and the Western Maryland Regional
6 Library to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options
7 established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits
8 Program under certain circumstances; requiring a regional library to pay
9 certain costs to the State; requiring a regional library to make a certain
10 determination; and generally relating to the participation in health and
11 insurance benefit options under the State Employee and Retiree Health and
12 Welfare Benefits Program by employees of the Southern Maryland Regional
13 Library, the Eastern Shore Regional Library, and the Western Maryland
14 Regional Library.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

17 Section 2-515.1

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

4 **2-515.1.**

5 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL
6 LIBRARY, THE EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY, AND THE WESTERN
7 MARYLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY.

8 (B) AN EMPLOYEE OF A REGIONAL LIBRARY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION
9 MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS
10 ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY.

11 (C) A REGIONAL LIBRARY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL:

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

14 (2) DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE REGIONAL LIBRARY
15 WILL SUBSIDIZE PARTICIPATION OF ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE PROGRAM.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.