

CHAPTER 129

(Senate Bill 137)

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of allowing employees of the Southern Maryland Regional Library, the Eastern Shore Regional Library, and the Western Maryland Regional Library to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under certain circumstances; requiring a regional library to pay certain costs to the State; requiring a regional library to make a certain determination; and generally relating to the participation in health and insurance benefit options under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program by employees of the Southern Maryland Regional Library, the Eastern Shore Regional Library, and the Western Maryland Regional Library.

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2–515.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

2–515.1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.