

SENATE BILL 560

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By: **Senator Madaleno**
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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employees and Retirees – Health Insurance and Benefit Options –**
3 **Coverage**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a State employee or retiree to enroll certain members
5 of the employee's or retiree's household in certain health insurance or other
6 benefit options; and generally relating to health insurance and other benefit
7 options for State employees and retirees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
10 Section 2–502
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

16 2–502.

17 (a) There is a State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits
18 Program, to be developed and administered by the Secretary.

19 (B) **THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE AN EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE THE**
20 **OPTION TO ENROLL FOR PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE OR**
21 **OTHER BENEFIT OPTIONS:**

22 (1) **ALL DEPENDENT CHILDREN; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) **ONE ADULT MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEE'S OR RETIREE'S**
2 **HOUSEHOLD.**

3 [(b)] (C) (1) The Program:

4 (i) subject to the regulations adopted under § 2-503 of this
5 subtitle, shall encompass all units in the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches
6 of State government, including any unit with an independent personnel system;

7 (ii) shall include the health insurance benefit options
8 established by the Secretary; and

9 (iii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, may
10 include any other benefit option that the Secretary considers appropriate.

11 (2) The Program may not contain any of the benefits provided under
12 Division II or Title 35 or Title 37 of this article.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 June 1, 2008.