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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Trooper Tobin Triebel Life Insurance Memorial Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to include in
4 the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program an option
5 to purchase up to a certain amount of additional life insurance coverage for
6 certain employees; and generally relating to benefit options under the State
7 Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
10 Section 2–503
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 2–503.

17 (a) The Secretary shall:

18 (1) adopt regulations for the administration of the Program;

19 (2) ensure that the Program complies with all federal and State laws
20 governing employee benefit plans; and

21 (3) each year, recommend to the Governor the State share of the costs
22 of the Program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) The Secretary may arrange as the Secretary considers appropriate
2 any benefit option for inclusion in the Program.

3 (2) **THE SECRETARY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE PROGRAM AN**
4 **OPTION TO PURCHASE UP TO \$200,000 OF ADDITIONAL LIFE INSURANCE**
5 **COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES WHO:**

6 (I) **FLY IN A HELICOPTER IN THE COURSE OF THEIR**
7 **EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE;**

8 (II) **SCUBA DIVE IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT**
9 **WITH THE STATE; OR**

10 (III) **AS A RESULT OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE,**
11 **FACE A SIGNIFICANT LIKELIHOOD OF RECEIVING A LESS FAVORABLE LIFE**
12 **INSURANCE RATING THAN AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN A NONHAZARDOUS**
13 **POSITION.**

14 (c) The Secretary shall specify by regulation the types or categories of State
15 employees who:

16 (1) are eligible to enroll and participate in the Program with State
17 subsidies;

18 (2) are eligible to enroll and participate in the Program without State
19 subsidies; and

20 (3) are not eligible to enroll or participate in the Program.

21 (d) (1) The regulations adopted by the Secretary shall include provisions
22 for the enrollment and participation of employees of all:

23 (i) organizations and entities that were participating in the
24 Program as satellite organizations on January 1, 1993; and

25 (ii) employee organizations that qualify for payroll deductions
26 under the provisions of § 2-403 of this title.

27 (2) Employees of organizations and entities covered by this section
28 may participate:

29 (i) without State subsidies; and

30 (ii) with payment by the organization or entity of administrative
31 costs resulting from the participation of its employees in the Program.

1 (3) The regulations adopted by the Secretary under this subsection
2 shall provide that an employee organization specified in paragraph (1)(ii) of this
3 subsection:

4 (i) may not enroll or participate in the Program unless the
5 organization has notified the Secretary, in writing, on or before July 1, 1994 of the
6 organization's intent to enroll and participate in the Program during calendar year
7 1994; and

8 (ii) may not enroll or participate in the Program on or after
9 January 1, 1995 unless the organization has participated in the Program during
10 calendar year 1994.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2009.