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CHAPTER _____

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 **(III) AS A RESULT OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE,**
15 **FACE A SIGNIFICANT LIKELIHOOD OF RECEIVING A LESS FAVORABLE LIFE**
16 **INSURANCE RATING THAN AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN A NONHAZARDOUS**
17 **POSITION.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (2) Employees of organizations and entities covered by this section
32 may participate:

1 (i) without State subsidies; and

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

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

7 (i) may not enroll or participate in the Program unless the
8 organization has notified the Secretary, in writing, on or before July 1, 1994 of the
9 organization's intent to enroll and participate in the Program during calendar year
10 1994; and

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.