

AGAINST ANY PERSON WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS BY FAILING TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS AND SERVICES FOR A FOR TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PROVIDED FOR ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT OR SERVICE THAT THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES ARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE UNDER §§ 354-AND-490R OF ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLEE OR SUBSCRIBER MAY WAIVE ONLY THE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY MAKING AN AFFIRMATIVE WRITTEN WAIVER ON A FORM SIGNED BY THAT INDIVIDUAL AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER. A WAIVER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO EACH DEPENDENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SIGNS THE WAIVER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to impose any requirements on the benefits to be determined by the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission to be offered under Article 48A, § 700 of the Code, as enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 1359) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be applicable to any health insurance contract, policy, certificate, or plan that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 1994.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993 January 1, 1994.

Approved May 27, 1993.

## CHAPTER 634

(Senate Bill-402)

AN ACT concerning

### Pensions – Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Service Retirement

FOR the purpose of reducing the years of service needed by certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain service retirement benefits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 73B – Pensions

Section 7-401(a)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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