

functions with respect to Baltimore City as of July 1, ~~1971~~ 1972, and further providing for the employment of certain persons in connection therewith PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS IN THE MERIT SYSTEM, CORRECTING CERTAIN REFERENCES IN THE LAW AND RELATING GENERALLY THERETO.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 14 (b) (3) AND SECTION 15 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume, 1970 SUPPLEMENT), title "Health," subtitle "Vital Records," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) (3) Delegation of Duties to Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City.

The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene is authorized to delegate to the commissioner of health of Baltimore City its responsibility for the designing of birth, death and fetal death certificates and for the collecting, preserving and indexing of records of birth, death and fetal deaths occurring within Baltimore City, according to rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene. *On and after July 1, ~~1971~~ 1972, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of Maryland shall assume the vital records functions under this subtitle with respect to Baltimore City and as of that date the Department shall employ all persons engaged in such work who are then employed by the health department of Baltimore City. All such persons who were so employed as of June 30, 1971, shall be employed by the Department under the merit system of this State without the necessity of an examination.* ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHO, WHILE SO EMPLOYED, APPLIES TO THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL FOR APPOINTMENT UNDER THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, ~~1971~~ 1972, SHALL BE SO APPOINTED, AND WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION SHALL BE CLASSIFIED IN THE JOB CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM WHICH IS COMPARABLE OR WHICH CLOSELY COMPARES WITH HIS LAST JOB CLASSIFICATION AS A BALTIMORE CITY EMPLOYEE. AN EMPLOYEE APPOINTED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE GIVEN CREDIT THEREUNDER FOR THE YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED IN BALTIMORE CITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS, COMPENSATION RATES, INCLUDING LONGEVITY STEPS, AND THE BASIC RATES FOR VACATION AND SICK LEAVE CREDIT EARNINGS AND FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING HIS RATE OF CONTRIBUTION INTO THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. AN EMPLOYEE APPOINTED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL TRANSFER RETIREMENT CREDIT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 32A OF ARTICLE 73B OF THIS CODE, AS AMENDED. NO SUCH EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO THE STATE MERIT SYS-