

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies to administrative arbitration and judicial proceedings initiated after June 30, 1980.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.

CHAPTER 262

(Senate Bill 259)

AN ACT concerning

Sovereign Immunity - Employment Discrimination

FOR the purpose of providing that the defense of sovereign immunity is not available to the State in certain cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 56
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

56.

(a) In this section the "State" includes any officer, department, agency, board, commission, appointing authority, or other unit of State government.

(b) The defense of sovereign immunity may not be available to the State, unless otherwise specifically provided by the laws of Maryland, in any administrative, arbitration, or judicial proceeding held pursuant to this article, to the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Personnel, or the personnel policies, rules, and regulations for classified employees of the University of Maryland involving any type of employee grievance or hearing,