

dentists, nurses and social workers, shall have given meritorious service as such employee in either or both of said institutions for a period of twenty years, of which the last ten years shall have been continuous, or who shall have become permanently disabled and unfitted for active duty due to injury received in such employment arising out of and in the course of his or her employment, he or she, as the case may be, shall, in the discretion of the Board of Welfare, be eligible for retirement and may thereupon make application to the Board of Welfare, created by Chapter 29 of the Acts of 1922, or its successor or successors, to be retired; whereupon it shall be the duty of the Director of Welfare to make a prompt and impartial investigation (and upon request of the applicant to give him or her a hearing) as to the merits of such application, and thereafter, if the Board of Welfare shall find the said applicant to be eligible for retirement under the terms of this sub-title, it shall have power, in its discretion, to retire such applicant, and thereafter to pay him or her, during his or her natural life, a monthly salary equal to one-half the average monthly salary received by such employee during the year immediately preceding the granting of his or her application for retirement; provided, however, that such payments shall not exceed the rate of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars per year to any one person.

1924, ch. 408, sec. 659.

707. Whenever any employee of the Maryland House of Correction or the Maryland Penitentiary except the Warden, Chaplains, physicians, dentists, nurses and social workers, who shall have given meritorious service as such employee in either or both institutions for a period of twenty years, of which the last ten years shall have been continuous, shall reach the age of sixty-four years, such employee shall be forthwith retired by the Board of Welfare whether or not the employee in question files an application for retirement, but the Board of Welfare may, in its discretion, delay such retirement for such time as it may deem proper, and in all retirements made under the provisions of this section the employee in question shall receive the same rate of pay as provided in Section 706 hereof.

1924, ch. 408, sec. 660.

708. It shall be the duty of the Director of Welfare to notify the Governor promptly of all retirements under the provisions of this sub-title, and all such retirements shall be subject to revocation by the Governor at any time. In case of revocation by the Governor, he shall notify the Board of Welfare, and thereupon the retirement and all payments on account shall cease. The Board of Welfare shall also have power to revoke such retirements at any time and for any cause which it may deem sufficient.

1924, ch. 408, sec. 661.

709. All applicants for retirement under the provisions of this sub-title and all employees eligible for retirement under Section 707 hereof shall be subject to medical examination by the regular physicians of the Maryland House of Correction or the Maryland Penitentiary, or by any other phy-