

707. Whenever any employee of the Board of Welfare or of any institution under the control or management of the Board of Welfare shall have given meritorious service as such employee for a period of twenty years, of which the last ten years shall have been continuous, or who 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.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1937.

Approved April 26, 1937.

CHAPTER 220.

AN ACT to add four new sections to Article 2A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Agriculture", to be under sub-title "Soil Conservation", said new sections to be known as Sections 15, 16, 17 and 18, and to follow immediately after Section 14 of said Article, to provide for the conservation, protection, improvement and profitable use of agriculture land resources of the State of Maryland and for cooperation with the governments and agencies of other States and of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of an Act of the Congress of the United States known as "Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act", Public No. 46, approved April 27, 1935, as amended by Public No. 461, approved February 29, 1936.

WHEREAS, there has been enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled an Act known as "Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act" (Public No. 46, 74th Congress, approved by the President of the United States April 27, 1935, as amended by Public 461, 74th Congress, approved February 29, 1936); and

WHEREAS, the purposes and objectives of Section 7 of said Act are closely allied with the agricultural policies of the State of Maryland administered through the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Agricultural Extension Service of the