24A. The State Board of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt rules and regulations governing the filing of records of births in those cases where certificates of birth have not been recorded, and where it is impossible to obtain an actual certificate of birth from the person in attendance upon the mother at the time such birth occurred.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1939.

Approved May 11, 1939.

CHAPTER 621.

(House Bill 377)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 18 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Merit System" to regulate leave with pay and provide for sick leave for classified service employees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 18 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Merit System", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

18. Every classified employee shall receive as vacation in each calendar year a leave of absence with pay for fifteen working days. In addition to such annual vacation leave, any employee shall be entitled to sick leave with pay for not in excess of fifteen working day in any calendar year; provided, however, that if any employee in any calendar year uses less that the full amount of sick leave allowable, two-thirds of such unused leave shall be accumulated up to one hundred working days and shall be available to such employee for sick leave at any time. Any employee using three or more days sick leave in any calendar month shall present a certificate from a duly licensed physician before receiving any pay for the period of such absence.

The Commissioner may by rule provide for grantng leaves of absence for longer periods with pay or with part pay to employees who may be disabled either through injury or illness as a result of, or arising from their respective employment; and shall make such rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.