

of member who ceases to be a member on account of the transfer of the place of employment or occupation to the United States for war purposes.

WHEREAS, an employee of the Military Department worked continuously at Camp Ritchie from 1927 until Camp Ritchie was made available to the United States for war purposes; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned employee ceased to be an employee of the State but continued doing the same kind of work for the United States; and

WHEREAS, the said employee has returned to employment by the State, but due to the separation from State employment for approximately five years through no fault or desire on his part, he has lost his right to credit for prior service for approximately fifteen years prior to the war; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to correct this injustice; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 3(6) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Pensions", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

(6) Should any member in any period of six consecutive years after last becoming a member be absent from service more than two years, or should he withdraw all or part of his accumulated contributions, or should he become a beneficiary or die, he shall thereupon cease to be a member; provided, however, that any member who was absent from service for more than two years on account of the transfer or lease to the United States of the facility or property where said member was employed and who continued to work at the same place as an employee of the United States until the return of the property to the State after the war, when he again became an employee of the State, shall be entitled to credit for all service as an employee of the State before he became an employee of the United States as hereinbefore described and his prior service certificate shall again become effective as if he had not ceased to be an employee of the State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved March 31, 1949.