

gency employees. Prompt report shall be made to the Commissioner of emergency appointments and such appointments shall not be renewed. Provided, however, that for the duration of any war in which the United States may be engaged or of any nationally declared emergency and for such period thereafter as in the discretion of the Commissioner, with the approval of the Governor, an emergency exists, the Commissioner may extend the period of emergency employment when the positions cannot otherwise be filled; no person so employed shall be eligible for membership in the State Employees' Retirement System but shall be entitled to the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Laws.

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

Approved March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 33

(Senate Bill 7)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Merit System", relating to the probationary period in the Classified Service.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 19 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Merit System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19. An employee may be permanently separated from the classified service through resignation, rejection on probation or removal, and may be temporarily separated through layoff, suspension or leave of absence.

The Commissioner shall by rule prescribe what shall constitute resignation.

The appointing authority may at any time before the expiration of the probation period reject any person appointed to a position in his department upon statement in writing to the Commissioner of the cause for rejection; the probation period shall be for a period not exceeding six months, unless the appointing authority shall suggest and the Commissioner shall approve a longer period, which in no event shall exceed one year; provided that no appointing authority