before entering any other employment shall be given credit with the Ferry System for such time spent in military service as if he actually had been employed by the Ferry System during such period. An employee who left the service of the Ferry System after June 1, 1950, for military service in the armed forces of the United States shall be deemed to be an eligible employee in the service of the Ferry System. He shall be given credit under this Act for all service with the Ferry System and for such time spent in military service as fully as if he had been with the Ferry System for the entire period. Provided, however, that this provision as to employees leaving the service of the Ferry System after June 1, 1950, shall not apply unless the employee had at least twelve months actual employment with the Ferry System prior to entering military service.

An employee eligible for the benefit provisions in this Act who left the employment of the Ferry System for reasons other than military service in the armed forces of the United States shall be given credit only for his period of continuous service with the Ferry System immediately preceding the discontinuance of the ferry operation.

All payments provided for in this Act shall be made to those eligible to receive them within thirty days after the termination of ferry operations.

The above sums shall be regarded as a salary increase amortized equally over the monthly salary period of each employee for the six months next preceding the termination of the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System but such increase shall be paid in one sum as hereinafter provided.

[Provided, however, the salary increases provided in this bill shall not apply to any employee, who is offered employment, prior to the termination date of his employment by the said Chesapeake Bay Ferry System, with the State of Maryland at a rate of pay commensurate with the job held by him with the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System.]

The State Roads Commission shall have the authority to determine on what date, prior to the termination of the present ferry system MATAPEAKE-SANDY POINT FERRY AND THE CLAIBORNE-ROMANCOKE FERRY SYSTEMS, on which the increase INCREASES, retroactive for six months prior thereto, shall be paid; provided, however, no employee shall be entitled to said increase INCREASES unless he shall remain in the employ of said system until the termination thereof OF THE MATAPEAKE-SANDY POINT AND/OR CLAIBORNE-ROMANCOKE FERRY.