

with the maintenance and operation of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, shall be offered appointment to such positions before the appointment of any other person shall be made from such eligible list.

(c). Upon appointment to a position in the Classified Service, a laid-off employee of the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System shall receive credit for salary purposes for prior service in the Classified Service in any class having the same or a greater maximum salary rate as the position to which he is to be appointed. Maximum salary rates in effect upon July 1, 1952 shall be used to determine the service credit allowable under this sub-section.

(d). Unused sick and vacation leave credits of a laid off employee of the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System shall be transferred to his credit in any position in the Classified Service to which he may be appointed. If not immediately appointed to a new position in the Classified Service employees of the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System shall, when laid off, receive vacation leave as provided in Section 32 (a) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition—being Section 22 (a) in the 1947 Supplement).

(e). The privileges granted by this Act shall remain in effect for a period of two years from the respective dates of lay off of employees as defined in (a) above who shall, at or prior to the date of lay off notify the State Employment Commissioner of their desire to obtain positions in the Classified Service. Provided that no such employee who shall be removed from a position for cause as provided by Section 29 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition—being Section 19 in the 1939 Edition, as amended) shall be eligible for reappointment in the class from which removed. And provided further that any such employee who shall be removed from a position in the Classified Service for any cause involving moral turpitude, insubordination or conduct such as to bring discredit upon the Classified Service shall forfeit all future benefits of this Section.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.*

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and*