

## CHAPTER 300

(Senate Bill 278)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 31 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Merit System", providing that any State employee who is suspended by the appointing authority for a period aggregating more than fifteen working days in any calendar year may appeal such additional suspension or suspensions to the Commissioner of Personnel.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 31 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Merit System", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

31. The appointing authority may for disciplinary purposes suspend an employee. Every such suspension shall be without pay; provided, however, that [the Commissioner shall have authority to investigate the suspension of every person suspended for a period aggregating more than thirty days in any calendar year,] *any employee who is suspended by the appointing authority for a period aggregating more than fifteen working days in any calendar year may appeal such additional suspension or suspensions to the Commissioner, and in case of [his] the Commissioner's disapproval he shall have power to restore pay to the employee so suspended. With respect to his employees the Commissioner shall be deemed the appointing authority and the Governor shall act in the place and stead of the Commissioner for the purpose of this Section.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved March 21, 1957.

## CHAPTER 301

(Senate Bill 281)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 72A of Article 5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supp.), title "Appeals and Errors", sub-title "Costs", to provide that the costs of all criminal and habeas corpus appeals, including printing of the State's briefs and record extracts, be paid by the political subdivisions in which such cases originated, requiring the State's Attorney of the political subdivision to recover costs from delinquent defendants, and making the Act applicable to costs previously incurred.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.