

offense is shown to the satisfaction of the judge before whom he is brought to be suffering from acute or chronic alcoholism, or who is habitually addicted to the use of narcotic drugs as that term is defined in Section 276 of Article 27 of this Code as amended from time to time, the said judge may commit him to one of the State hospitals for treatment and observation, under such terms and conditions as he may determine; provided, that no such commitment shall be made except by one of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City or of the circuit court for any county. *In the case of a user of narcotic drugs, the commitment shall be made by the judge only after consultation with and the approval of the superintendent of the mental hospital to which the commitment is to be made.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved March 14, 1963.

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CHAPTER 54

(Senate Bill 20)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9 (2) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1962 Supplement~~) (1957 EDITION), title "Pensions", sub-title "In General", amending the laws concerning the Employees' Retirement System in order to conform to the provisions of the Milita Law of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 9 (2) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1962 Supplement~~) (1957 EDITION), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(2) *Determination of "one year of service"; [Service in World War I] Military Service.*—The Board of Trustees shall fix and determine by appropriate rules and regulations how much service in any year is equivalent to one year of service, but except as otherwise provided, in no case shall it allow credit for a period of absence without pay of more than a month's duration nor shall more than one year of service be creditable for all service in one calendar year. The Board of Trustees, under such rules and regulations as it shall adopt, shall allow credit, however, to members absent in the military service during World War 1 *or within the periods and under the provisions specified in Section 88 of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended)*, for the period of their absence, provided that such members were employees when they entered such military service and within one year from the date of their discharge again became employees. Service rendered for the full normal working time in any year shall be equivalent to one year's service. Persons holding elective or appointive positions shall receive a full year's credit for each full year during which such person has held or holds such position.