

examination or qualification shall be classified in the job classification under the State Merit System which is comparable or which most closely compares with his last job classification as a Baltimore City employee. An employee appointed to the State Merit System under this section shall be given thereunder and under Article 73B of the Code for the years of service rendered in Baltimore City for the purposes of establishing retirement and death benefits, compensation rates, including longevity steps, and the basic rates for vacation and sick leave credit earnings. AN EMPLOYEE APPOINTED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE GIVEN CREDIT THEREUNDER FOR THE YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED IN BALTIMORE CITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPENSATION RATES, INCLUDING LONGEVITY STEPS, AND THE BASIC RATES FOR VACATION AND SICK LEAVE CREDIT EARNINGS. ANY SUCH EMPLOYEE SHALL BE FULLY SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND PRIVILEGES OF ARTICLE 73B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TITLE "PENSIONS." *No such employee who has been transferred from the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City to the State Merit System may receive any diminution in compensation solely as a result of such transfer and appointment.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 259
(House Bill 578)

AN ACT to repeal Section 13-35 of the Baltimore County Code 1958, title "Baltimore County," subtitle "Title 13. Health and Sanitation," subheading "Construction, etc., of garbage reduction plant," to repeal said section in its entirety, so as to abolish restriction against erection, establishment or construction of any garbage reduction plant within nine miles of the Lazaretto Lighthouse on the Patapsco River.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 13-35 of the Baltimore County Code 1958, title "Baltimore County," subtitle "Title 13. Health and Sanitation," subheading "Construction, etc., of garbage reduction plant," be and it is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.