

any amount due from the State in the appropriation allowed by the next ensuing State budget.

Any such official who receives membership service credit for service rendered to the State or to a participating municipal corporation under the provisions of this subsection shall pay to the retirement system by single payment, within such period of time as may be determined by the board of trustees, the contributions, with interest, which he would have paid had he been a member of the retirement system but withdrew. Provided, however, that any such member may waive the payment of any or all such contributions, in which case upon retirement any ordinary disability retirement allowance or any allowance due to nonreappointment or nonreelection to any office payable to such an official, shall be reduced by the actuarial equivalent of those contributions which he had not paid, with interest to date of retirement.

The total retirement allowance that would have been payable to the beneficiary had he not waived his contributions shall be used as the basis for the determination of any supplemental payment under the provisions of Section 14 (7) of this Article.

Provided further that any desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly, who was receiving an annual salary as compensation for such employment as of February 1, 1961, and who previously served as a desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly and received per diem compensation for such previous service, shall be entitled to prior service credit equal to four years for any four-year term of a General Assembly during which such previous service was rendered.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all of the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 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 safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1969.

CHAPTER 131
(Senate Bill 517)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 23 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling," providing that persons serving an internship be in-