Every employee shall be entitled to personal leave with pay for not in excess of three (3) days in any calendar year; provided, however, that if any employee in any calendar year uses less than the full amount of personal leave allowable, such unused leave shall be accumulated up to six (6) days and shall be available to such employee THAT PERSONAL LEAVE MAY NOT BE ACCUMULATED AND ANY UNUSED PERSONAL LEAVE AS OF THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR SHALL BE FORFEITED. Personal leave days may be used for religious holidays, death in the family, inclement weather or any other purpose whatsoever, provided permission is obtained from the department head. The department head may not deny permission if personal leave is requested for observance of religious holidays.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.

## CHAPTER 582

## (House Bill 992)

AN ACT to repeal Section 30(d) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," repealing an obsolete provision relating to longevity increments for certain psychiatric aides.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 30(d) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," be and it is hereby repealed as follows:

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**[**(d) Any permanent State employee serving as a psychiatric aide III at the sixth increment on or after June 30, 1966, who has had prior continuous service with the State of Maryland in the classification of psychiatric aide II at the seventh increment shall be paid at the seventh increment so long as he holds the position of psychiatric aide III commencing as of the effective date of his promotion to psychiatric aide III. Anyone to whom this subsection applies shall be entitled to receive payment retroactively as if he had served in the seventh increment on the date of his promotion to the classification of psychiatric aide III, even though the date of said promotion was prior to July 1, 1966.]

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.