

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

Approved May 6, 1971.

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CHAPTER 380  
(Senate Bill 526)

AN ACT to add new Section 25D to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 25C thereof, transferring to the State Merit System those employees of the Prince George's County Division of Air Pollution Control who apply for appointment and relating generally to job classification, benefits and compensation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 25D be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 25C thereof, and to read as follows:*

*25D.*

*Any employee of the Prince George's County Division of Air Pollution Control, who, while so employed, applies to the Secretary of Personnel for appointment under the State merit system on or before July 1, 1971, will be so appointed, provided that he has the approval of the Health Officer of Prince George's County, and without further examination or qualification he will 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 Prince George's County employee. An employee appointed to the State merit system under this section will be given credit thereunder for the years of service rendered in Prince George's County 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. AND FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING HIS RATE OF CONTRIBUTION INTO THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. No employee who has been transferred from the Prince George's County Division of Air Pollution Control will receive any diminution in compensation solely as a result of the transfer and appointment.*

SEC. 2. *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 ye 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 May 6, 1971.