## CHAPTER 551

(House Bill 566)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 37(e) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to revise the eligibility requirements for classified employees in need of an extension of leave with pay because of illness or injury, and to correct the language therein.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 37(e) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

37.

(e) In case any employee who has been Icontinuously I in the State service for not less than ten years shall suffer an illness or injury which would result in his absence from duty for a period of time exceeding that provided in subsection (a) with pay, such employee may, with the approval of the head of the department or agency of the State in which he is employed, appeal to the Board of Public Works for an extension of leave with pay; and the Isaid I Board, after being satisfied as to the merits of the case, may authorize an extension of leave with pay, provided that such extension of time shall not exceed one year, including the leave allowed under subsection (a).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

## CHAPTER 552

(House Bill 568)

AN ACT to [ladd new Section 399C tol] repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 399A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title and subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Minors-Care and Protection of," [Ito follow immediately after Section 399B thereof, ll to provide that in Anne Arundel Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's County any person charged with the care of a child aged [Iten] seven years or less shall not allow that child to be confined in certain places while the person so charged is absent from [Iand out of sight of] the premises unless a reliable person of a certain age is provided for certain purposes, and generally relating to the care and protection of certain children in certain counties [IAnne Arundel County]].

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 399A of Ilnew Section 399C be and it is hereby added toll Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title and subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Minors-Care and Protection of," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments," Ilto follow immediately after Section 399B thereof, and Il to read as follows: