Trust Fund when the Fund has reached its ceiling of \$5,000,000.11

SECTION [141] 3. 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, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION [151] 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1974.

Approved May 21, 1973.

## CHAPTER 404

(Senate Bill 470)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments. Section 9(8) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume) [land 1972 supplement II, title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," to I I provide that certain service benefits be made available to certain employees only upon certain conditions being met. Il change the kind of previous non-State service which some members of the State Employees' Retirement System may claim as service credit.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 9(8) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume) [land 1972 Supplement II, title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(8) A member who for a temporary period prior to June 1, 1964, (1) did not make contributions to the retirement system because of not being on a State payroll, (2) had an employer other than the State, (3) was in employment related or similar to or educationally desirable for his regular employment with the state FOR A PERIOD NOT LONGER THAN TWO YEARS, and (4) all being lwith the consent or at the direction of a State agency, after his return to State employment and with the approval of the board may deposit with the retirement system, with interest to the date of deposit, the contributions he would have made to the retirement system had his employment been with the State during that period; and when this deposit is made he shall be given service credit in the retirement system for the temporary period in all subsequent respects as if he had been a State employee during that period.

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

Approved May 21, 1973.